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# And the gifts, Mr Hamilton?

# New evidence of payments in kind

David Leigh

EIL Hamilton, the beleaguered ex-Trade Minister, took not only large sums of secret cash from the parliamentary lob-byist Ian Greer, but also gifts and payments in kind worth thousands of pounds, it emerged last night.

Mr Hamilton and his wife, Christine, used the cover of an Ian Greer company account at a leading London department store to obtain furniture. Mr Greer also paid for paintings from a picture gallery. He also bought the couple plane tickets.

Sources at Peter Jones, the Knightsbridge department store in Sloane Square, confirmed that Mr Greer's company kept an account there. although: "It hasn't been used for some time.'

Greer sources also confirmed yesterday that Mrs Hamilton had on at least one occasion in the late 1980s chosen and collected furniture for the Hamiltons' home, but paid for on the Greer Associates Ltd account.

Paintings worth almost £1,000 had been picked out for the Hamiltons elsewhere. Mr Greer had also footed the bill. Pressure increased on the dis-graced MP last night when Liberal Democrat leader Paddy Ashdown wrote to Mr Major last night asking whether you should allow such a man to continue to hold the party whip when, if as furniture from Peter Jones you conclude that Hamilton deliberately lied to the Dep-uty Prime Minister".

Mr Hamilton was last night facing the prospect of expul-sion from the Commons because of his failure to declare any of the Greer payments in the Register of Members'

Mr Hamilton told photogra-phers outside his home yes-terday morning that he would be attending a function at 10 Downing Street, with the Prime Minister and six Cabinet ministers. He suggested he would pose for pictures

After the news broke, Labour politicians expressed their fury, suggesting Mr Major was guilty of a gross misjudgment to allow him into Number Ten. Mr Hamilton later said he would not be

attending. He was too busy.
Asked whether Mr Hamilton would have been welcome, a Downing Street spokeswoman laughed before replying "You couldn't recei

bly expect me to answer that."



lows admissions wrung from Mr Hamilton since he dropped his libel case, that he had taken two payments as introductory commissions totalling £10,000 from Mr Greer. He maintained this formed no "financial formed no relationship". "financial

Although Mr Hamilton admitted taking two payments from Greer, he had in fact taken at least four, Guardian inquiries now reveal.

Mr Hamilton promised to disclose his tax returns to the Guardian's lawyers while they were preparing for the libel trial, but by last weekend, when he sensationally dropped the case, he had not done so, despite repeated

The tax returns would have revealed if he had declared any "payments in kind", such The alle ture purchases first surfaced yesterday in newspaper reports that accounts at the tore had been used to make payments in kind to the

Hamiltons. Mr Greer raised the allega-tion himself on BBC TV news yesterday only to deny it: "Mr Fayed says that I had set up accounts there in a number of London stores for MPs' wives. ridiculous

What a ridiculous suggestion!" But Mr Hamilton himself refused to say whether he had received such payments in kind. Asked by presenter Jeremy Paxman on BBC's News night: "Were all your pay-ments in cash or were there some in kind?" he replied

"Look, I'm not getting into this kind of discussion". Mr Hamilton describes the payments as "introduction fees" for companies he signed

up with Greer. But in December 1989, after his payments had been received, the then Registrar, James Hastings, wrote to all MPs including Mr Hamilton,



Closed door policy . . . a reception at Number 10 was out of bounds to Neil Hamilton last night PHOTOGRAPH GRAHAM

Mr Hamilton's reaction to this was deliberately to conceal the payments by not en-tering them on the register, in the same way as he had concealed a free holiday in Mr Al Fayed's Ritz hotel in Paris with his wife in 1987. The Conservative MP John warning them that they must The Conservative MP John Mr Ashdown's letter fold declare all "introduction Browne, when found guilty

Committee in 1990 of not declaring interests, was sus-pended from the Commons for 20 days. Parliament has unlimited powers to punish

its MPs. By last night Mr Hamilton was becoming something of a political leper, despite a series of vigorous perfor-

ing his opponents and seeking | themselves to contain the to defend what he referred to on Newsnight as his "little indiscretions".

His on-and-off statements about whether he would attend Mr Major's reception at were accompanied by a noticeable lack of statements in his support from other Con-servative Ministers or MPs. many of them now struggling

controversy over their role in accepting Greer cash. More than 33 of them now

turn out to have accepted election funds from Greer, both in 1987 and in 1992.

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## mances on TV and radio abus-Clinton scrabbles to save crisis summit Octuplet mother

Martin Walker

ILL Clinton announced yesterday that Israel's prime minister, Binyamin Netanyahu, and the Palestinian leader. Yasser Arafat, have agreed to resume immediate talks on the Israeli withdrawal from the flashpoint West Bank city of

The United States president said talks on Hebron would begin on Sunday at the Erez horder point between Israel and the Gaza Strip — but could not conceal the fact that no progress had been reached | Israel set a firm date for with-on the main issues underly- drawing its troops from rael would announce a firm Mr Clinton had also signed.

'The problems are still there, the differences are still there," Mr Clinton said. "They

were not able to resolve their differences here." He was speaking as a lastchance negotiating session over lunch at the White House

failed to break the deadlock between the two sides. Earlier, after morning talks had ended without result, one Palestinian official said: "It's finished — we could not agree on a single thing."

The sticking point was the

Palestinian demand that

curity arrangements for Israeli settlers in the city. Instead, he offered only a date

for the end of talks on Hebron.

"The demands of the Palestinians are for an immediate redeployment from Hebron without any security arrange-ments anywhere else," an Israeli spokesman said. After a night of talks be-tween Israeli and Palestinian officials, US officials had been hopeful a deal was taking

shape.
The compromise proposed

ing the crisis, which has left at least 70 dead and hundreds wounded over the past week.

"The problems are still impossible without agreed se in matter of the tunnel impossible without agreed se in matter of the matter under the al-Agsa mosque — the opening of which sparked the latest violence - to an in-

ternational commission. But as US aides gathered yesterday morning to propose more direct talks, the Israeli leader insisted that he could not compromise on the secu-rity issue of Hebron — and direct talks did not take place. Instead, the morning ses-sion ended in recrimination. Mr Arafat insisted that Israel bonour the promises signed by its previous government

Despite US pleas that the Palestinian leader could not be expected to restrain new violence if he had to leave empty-handed, Mr Netanyahu stated no Israeli leader could leave any of his people at the mercy of Palestinian police after last week's fighting.

Clinton administration sources were furious at the role played by the Republican presidential candidate, Bob Dole, in strengthening Mr Ne-tanyahu's hand by demanding that the US put no pressure on Israel to make concessions. Israeli soldiers yesterday shot dead one Palestinian and wounded five in two incidents in Hebron, Israeli security sources and Palestinians said.

the miscarriage which began on Monday and fulfilling doc-tors' predictions that she could not deliver any alive.

Ms Allwood, aged 32,
rejected medical advice that a
selective termination would increase the chances of some babies surviving, Instead she engaged the publicist Max Clifford and sold her story to the News of the World. Last night Mr Clifford said:

Alony driver accused of killing a French student kept her body hidden in his cab for 10 days before dumping it.

Britain

launch a diplomatic push to deny asylum to people promoting terrorism, urging the United Nations to tighten criteria.

The FISE-100 smashed through the

against Poland.

Hoddle said he would not tolerate heavy drinking by his players ahead of the World Cup qualifier

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# loses last babies

MANDY ALLWOOD, the woman who conceived octuplets, last night lost her last four babies, completing

"It's just tragic ... Mandy desperately wanted to have all or some of the babies."

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#### Dressed up, nowhere to go



Was Hamilton welcome? "Ha ha ha," said a spokeswoman

'I'm going to my solicitors now and to Number 10 for a reception later. You can get pictures of me there this evening.'

Neil Hamilton, speaking to photographers when leaving home yesterday morning

'I'm far too busy just to spend my time in social intercourse and drinking

> **Neil Hamilton after news** of his plans provoked anger

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**HAMILTON'S TANGLED** 

Lobbying on behalf of US company funded lavish lifestyle

Rightwingers fought fiercely on behalf of US tobacco firm to avert ban on carcinogenic product



Health ministers were astonished that MPs, including Neil Hamilton, were lobbying to stop Britain banning Skoal Bandits

# Tory MPs' unhealthy campaign

HEN TWO Con-servative MPs David Mellor and Kenneth Health, the ministers were as-tonished to be lobbied on the

and Neil Hamilton, MP for Tatton — had aiready been paid £6,000 each by lobbyists Ian Greer Associates for introducing US Tobacco, the maker of Skoal Bandits.

The company they were promoting — apparently on right-wing libertarian grounds was paying Ian Greer £120,000 a year in an effort to stop Britain, and eventually Europe, banning the product.

strong campaign to halt the ban. Mr Mellor said yester-day: "I took the view that it Tobacco were free to peddle a noxious substance like this -tea bags full of tobacco to chew in the mouth — within this country. I was extremely up to prevent these products being sold." But Mr Mellor, as only one

grounds that people had the right to kill themselves by consuming a product called Skoal Bandits, which causes mouth cancer.

What the two ministers did the ministers who became the target of a ferocious campaign throughout the 1980s, illustrates how Messrs Greer, Hamilton and, in this case not know on May 9, 1989, was Brown, worked behind the scenes for their own gain.

Details of how this wo

would have been exposed in the Guardian's defence against allegations of libel this month by an insider in Mr Greer's organisation who was a senior executive. Now the trial has been abandoned, be wishes to remain anonymous but provided a graphic description of how the two MPs won the lobbying company the account, and then worked on behalf of the company.

"I was told by Ian Greer that Neil Hamilton and Michael Brown advised UST that pro-fessional lobbyists should be instructed, and they recom-

According to the executive, Ian Greer won the business



trip to

Enjoyed

but was then faced with a problem: who should be paid the normal 10 per cent introduction fee? "He [Ian] said he was certainly not paying 20 per cent, and they would have to split the commission between them and get 5 per cent each. My recollection is that the first year fees for

Brown received £6,000 each." The executive goes on to de-MPs working in the House of Commons. "I would say that

Hamilton and Brown became the prime movers and shakers in terms of the UST parliamentary lobbying campaign. They would write letters to ministers putting forward the interests of UST, they were talking to ministers in the lobby and contacting other MPs to discuss issues relevant to UST. They were effectively IGA's eyes and ears and voice

in the House of Commons. tained an introduction fee, but also a trip to the United States to stay at an expensive apart ment in a New York hotel with his wife, Christine, and even spent a night in a luxury hotel in London in order to attend a business meeting, all at

the expense of UST. The Essex House, overlooking New York's Central Park, had a luxury apartment block where US Tobacco rented a count, Mr Hamilton seeking a

Neil Hamilton after he returned from the States. "He looked after him and how much he had enjoyed the trip." He also remembers Mr

Hamilton insisting that he must be booked for a night at mover

for firm the luxurious St James's

Court Hotel in London or he could not attend a business meeting with the company. "I do not know why this was stipulated because Mr Hamilton had a flat in London.

were active in Parliament on the Skoal Bandits issue. Five parliamentary ques tions on Skoal Bandits issues were tabled by Mr Brown in 1987 and 1988 to Edwina Cur-

rie, then a junior health minister. Mr Hamilton, while not tabling any questions, be-came involved in proposing an amendment to the 1969 Budget to change the taxation of tobacco to benefit the introduction of Skoal Bandits. When ministers proposed reg-ulations banning Skoal Ban-Hamilton was the lead name on a motion to annul them. All this came as a shock to

free trip from British Air-

During the period after Mr

Greer won the account, both

Mr Brown and Mr Hamilton

Mr Mellor when told about it. "I was astonished when I received representations from certain members appealing on civil liberties grounds for the right of people to damage themselves by consuming this appalling substance."

Mr Brown has now admitted introducing Skoal

#### to be seen behind closed doors

Richard Norton-Taylor

KEY documents, the con-tents of which would have been publicly quoted in court had Neil Hamilton's libel case against the Guardian gone ahead, will now be examined behind closed doors, MPs and officials who will pursue the affair said yesterday.

They will be examined first by Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and then by the Commons Privileges and

Many of the papers are the property of the Government, Mr Hamilton, and the lobby-ist, lan Greer. The Guardian is returning hundreds of documents obtained for the purposes of the trial.

Sir Gordon yesterday high-lighted the contrast between court proceedings and his own inquiry. "I don't have the powers to force people to cooperate." he conceded. His in-quiry into the Hamilton case would be "a private affair". He would pass his conclu-sions to the committee and it

would decide whether to publish his report and a full tran-script of the committee's subequent bearings, A senior Conservative

member of the privileges committee said: "The Guardian is reluctantly to be con-gratulated. It revealed a state of affairs the existence of which I did not suspect in my worst nightmares. He said the committee had

a duty to subpoena all parties concerned who should identify all relevant documents. There is widespread confusion surrounding what will be an unprecedented test for both Sir Gordon and the new Commons committee. Iain Duncan-Smith, one of the committee's Tory members, said it would investigate only if Mr Hamilton disagreed

with Sir Gordon's findings.

"I was astonished when I received representation from certain members appealing on civil liberties grounds for the right of people to damage themselves consuming this appalling substance. I felt that this shouldn't be done'

> **David Melior** when approached by Neil Hamilton and Michael Brown to stop a Skoal Bandits ban

'I do not recall specifically why Mr Hamilton wanted the free trip with British Airways or where he was going, but I think this was a holiday visit'

> An lan Greer insider who was the senior executive for the Skoal Bandits

# Even making allowances, costs don't add up Documents

#### **THE LUXURY** HOUSE

Jamie Wilson

"HE purchase of a £400,000 house in his Cheshire constituency might have been expected to put Neil Hamilton into deep water financially. Mortgage payments alone were more than his parliamentary salary.

Mr Hamilton bought the

property in spring 1990, when his basic MP's salary was just £26.701. Challenged by Jeremy Paxman on BBC Newsnight to explain how he paid for it, Mr Hamilton said: "I bought a house in 1984

for £61,000 with a £48,000 mortgage and I bought a house in 1991 [sic] increasing the mortgage to over £200,000 having sold my earlier house for £207,000, so if your arithmetic is very quick you will understand how I managed to do it." However, Mr Hamilton's

THE WESTIMES

EIL Hamilton has handed the Labour Party a gift more valuable than any lobbyist's fee. His cavaller pursuit of the Guardian over claims that he asked parliamentary questions for cash has ended in ignomini-

ous rout. Mr Hamilton may have wanted to clear his name, rebuild his career and restore what he

saw as responsibility to report-ing Instead he has succeeded only in damaging his reputation,

his party and the constitution. Out of his discarded write the Op-

out or as assearced writs the Op-position can fashion a weapon to strike the Tories in their most vulnerable area — sleaze. Mr Hamilton has hitherto en-joyed the benefit of his col-leagues' considerable doubte. A

leagues' considerable doubts. A politician of wit and charm, be



The Hamiltons' £400,000 mansion in Cheshire, bought in 1990, and, right, the block where the MP has his London flat reply raises more questions | tended to cover secretarial | style. Hence their need for and research assistance, and office equipment. As-In 1990 the average mort-

gage rate was 15 per cent. A 25-year £200,000 repayment mortgage cost £30,960 a year, (£2,580 per month), so the Hamiltons would have needed a combined income of £45,000 before tax to pay the mortgage alone.

Mr Hamilton was also entitled to an allowance for After tax, this would have meant the Hamiltons office costs which in 1990 had only about £65 a week

was £27,166. This is in- to fund their expensive life-

has a provocative ability to range into territory his more cautious colleagues never risk. There was sympathy for Mr Hamilton in

many quarters when allegations in the Guardian led to his depar-ture from the Government. He

vigorously denied he had received money from Mohamed Al Fayed to ask questions in the

Commons. His determination to fight persuaded colleagues to support him.

That faith has been shown to

test team has been shown to be misplaced. By dropping his action with seconds to spare Mr Hamilton is guilty, at the very least, of reckless misjudgment. A besided because he must have

least, of reckless misjudgment. A trained barrister, he must have known how complex and expensive libel litigation would be. It strains credulity to believe that it was only on the eve of the trial that costs became an insuperable obstacle. Until Monday afternoon Marging had experted himself

Mr Hamilton had exerted himself

strenuously to pursue his action. He conducted a high-profile cam-

suming that Mr Hamilton who employed his wife as his secretary, paid her a generous £13,000 salary, their combined income would have been just over £40,000 — £10,000 less than their estimated outgoings.

paign against the Guardian. He pursuaded parliamentary colleagues to amend the 1689 Bill of Rights to allow MPs to waive privilege. He had also chosen to fight his case at a time of great potential embarrassment to the

potential embarrassment to the Government instead of waiting until after the colleagues who

until after the coulegies who helped him had fought their elec-tion. His daring might have been understandable, although not ex-cusable, if he had a strong

enough case to see matters through. But with hindsucht it

seems damaging hubris.
The Government itself is not

free from blame, its acquiescence in Mr Hamilton's one-man

in Mr namition's one-man rewriting of the constitution does not sit well with its posture as the defender of ancient liberties against overhasty change. But the greater damage is not to the Tory reputation for consistency, but in probity. The Conserce,

extra income.
The Hamiltons also mainained a flat in London, but the cost of that was almost certainly covered by the 'additional allowance'

given to MPs with constituencies outside London. Another issue raised by Mr Hamilton's statement is how he obtained such a large loan. Ian Darby at John Charcol, an indepen-dent financial adviser, said:

elations of sleaze. From the high politics of the Scott report to the

low farce of ministerial faithless ness, a series of incidents has

reinforced the impression of a Government too long in power

and too careless in its exercise.

That sense will only be reinforced by Mr Hamilton's abandonment of his action and the new revelations appearing. Some may be trivial. But the cumulative impression is as damaging as the proposition that the return.

as the perception that the party is split. Deceit is a more harmful

charge than division. John Major, who still enjoys a

reputation for plain dealing, has tried to restore faith in public life with the establishment of the

With the establishment of the Nolan committee. Many of the lobbying practices which so of-fended public opinion have ended. But public confidence in

but to probity. The Conserva-tives' efforts to win back the af-fections of the electorate have

and too careless in its exercise.

"Then (and now) for a £200,000 mortgage most lenders would require a minimum family income of

at least £80.000. However, in 1990, it was possible to have a "nonstatus mortgage" which allowed buyers to borrow less than 75 per cent of the value of the property (which Mr Hamilton was doing), without having to provide evidence of all income.

Labour has a weapon to hit the Tories in their weakest area - sleaze

Evening Standard

THE evidence makes plain that Neil Hamilton was flatly deceit-ful [over] his dealings with Mo-

It is hard to see how he can remain an MP. But the Tory remain an MP. But the Tory party also has serious charges to answer. The memorandum of June 1995, disclosed only last week to the Guardian, makes plain that senior Tories knew Mr. Hamilton's defence was untenable. They knew the Fayeds had [paid] Mr. Hamilton and other [paid] Mr. Hamilton and other [paid] Mr. Hamilton and other [paid] Tory MPs [through Ian Greer] yet kept silent ...

We are left with a nice moral choice between Mr Hamilton, who accepted Mr Al Fayed's favours and sought to serve his interests, and some of his colleagues, who took the money and made no attempt to earn it.

# THINK THEY CAN CHANGE THE WORLD.

bled for him, which is why I thought I did not have to de-

clare the payment," he told

the Times yesterday. Mr Hamilton, who has dis-

closed two payments from Ian

Greer, told the BBC yester-day: "The commissions

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Greer or his company. They

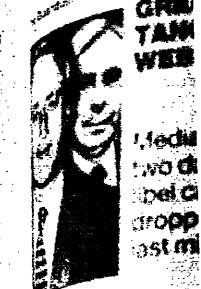
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The role of men and women. Will it ever change? In this week's Radio Times we speak up for

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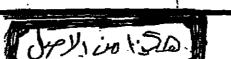




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David Mellor then approached by Heil Hamilton and Michael Brown to stopa Boal Bandits ban

Lobbyist denies improper links to MPs in series of media interviews, but remarks fail accuracy test



'I have certainly never paid anyone to ask questions. I'm a political lobbyist. Do you expect me to engage in a corrupt act?"

> lan Greer, October 2, **BBC1 News 1pm**

'We would never say we can arrange to have a question tabled, but actually we can. If we went out and said that, there's bound to be someone who would take great offence to think that a middleman could arrange such a thing but, as it happens, yes of course we do'

lan Greer, March 1994, unbroadcast Cook Report

# Breaking cover to lay a false trail

AN GREER broke cover yesterday to give a series of interviews in which he denied having any improper financial relationships with MPs. He said most of the MPs he gave money to for election campaigns in 1987 and 1992 were personal friends who asked for donations.

He said he had to abandon the libel trial because a "professional conflict rather than a personal one" cropped up which meant new lawyers would have had to be hired at great expense. He said commission payments he had made to Mr Hamilton, Michael Brown and Michael Grylls were simply "thank-you" pay-ments for introducing new businesses.

David Pallister finds a number of his more tendentious remarks can be shown to be wholly inaccurate.

ON Radio 4's World At One
Mr Greer said that this time
last week he believed he was
winning. "I understand
George Carman, who is Mr Al
Fayed's friend and lawyer,
didn's over take on the core." didn't even take on the cas made excuses, because he knew we were going to win."

Mr Carman had represented the Guardian since October 1994 when the writ was issued but when Mr Hamilton changed the law on defamation and sought an early hearing during the summer both he, his junior James Price QC, and Mr Greer and Mr Homilton's leading counsel, Lord Williams, had to drop out because of prior commitments. Mr Carman said yesterday: "It was with great reluctance that

Neil Hamilton and Michael Brown received £6,000 each for introducing US Tobacco to Ian Greer Associates in 1987 and both took free trips to the US. Brown asked five parliamentary questions; Hamilton tabled an early day motion calling for the ban on tobacco snuff to be lifted and intro-duced an amendment to the Finance Bill helpful to the company. Neither disclosed his payment. MPs are obliged to do on the Register of Members

ence to Mr Al Fayed: "This man certainly passed me no money at any time. I categorically deny it. It would have been a corrupt act, and I am not a corrupt person and my company is not corrupt."

An internal Tory Central Office memorandum, pub-lished in the Guardian yester day, specifically acknowledged that Ian Greer had been given £18,000 from Mr Al Fayed for contributions to the election campaigns of 21 Tory candidates in 1987. Furthermore, Mr Greer admitted in his witness statement to the court that he had received £18,000 from Mr Al Fayed and a cheque for E13,333 from Mr Al Fayed on top of his E30,000 annual retainer.

ON World At One Mr Greer was asked why he did busi-ness with Mr Al Fayed after the DTI report accusing him of lying was published in the Observer in March 1989. "Mr Al Fayed is an extraordinary man," he said. "I was happy to do business with him at the time, and I did a damned good job. But I didn't know then the sort of animal that he really was. When you do busi-

Mr Greer continued to do busi ner Greer continued to do busi-ness with Mr Al Fayed after the report was leaked and after it was officially pub-lished in 1990. Mr Greer was prepared to accept money to defend Mr Al Fayed from

ness with someone you do it on the basis of trust, and that

Greer said:"I categorically deny that I ever received members of parliament to ask questions. That wd have been corrupt person, and nor is my company corrupt."

'A lot has changed since 1987. l wouldn't do what I did then now. There was a very grey area about many of the Mr Greer told Central TV's

suppressed Cook Report in 1994: "We would never go out and say we can arrange to have a question tabled, but actually we can . . . as it hapoens, of course we do. The rules on members' inter

ests in the late 1980s were very clear on declaration of financial relationships with clients.

IN a statement after the the paper first proposed a

Richard Ferguson, QC for Mr Greer and Mr Hamilton, approached The Guardian last Friday asking for a settlement In the space of a weekend the Greer/Hamilton claim was scaled down from a demand for \$2.5 million in damages, a contrite apology and a ogy, no gagging clause, no damages and the plaintiffs paying the Guardian £15,000.

# Non-Tories play down payments

#### **LABOUR MPS** INVOLVED

David Flencke

WO prominent Labour MPs yesterday faced em-barrassing revelations that they had received money from Ian Greer Associates for their fighting funds for the 1987 and 1992 elections. Doug Hoyle, MP for War-rington North, is both chair-

man of the Parliamentary Labour Party and a member of the Commons Privileges and Standards Committee. He received £500 paid into his election fund by Ian Greer in

Chris Smith, the high-pro-file shadow health secretary. received £200 in 1992, for his campaign in Islington South, the constituency which in-

problems yesterday when David Shaw, Conservative MP for Dover, reopened the



Doug Hoyle ... elect fund paid £500 by Greer

Campaign, promoted by Ian Greer Associates.

"The Guardian and other newspapers ought to give as much publicity to the Tony



row over the Labour leader not declaring a £4,500 free trip by Concorde to the United States on the Unitary Tax Campaign, promoted by Ian it was not paid to me," he



He told the Guardian he was furious when Mr Greer told him last year that he was campaign in Islington South, the constituency which includes the home of Tony and Cherie Blair.

Mr Blair himself faced problems yesterday when David Shaw, Conservative

much publicity to the Tony told him last year that he was going to say the money had come from Mohamed All general election appeal from Lan Greer, or his company, in was a straightforward donation to the campaign of a couple of hundred pounds."

Mr Shaw said.

much publicity to the Tony told him last year that he was going to say the money had come from Mohamed All and Greer, or his company, in revealed in the trial, I knew for expension and the was going to say the money had come from Mohamed All the was a straightforward donation to the general election appeal from land gener Mr Shaw said. nothing about it. Certainly I Mr Beith had not had an Yesterday Mr Hoyle was had never been told it was contact with Mr Greer since.

supposed to come from Mr Al

Mr Hoyle could well face problems when Sir Gordon Downey's inquiry into the "cash for questions" scandal starts. The Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards will be passing his findings to the committee - whose mem-

bers include Mr Hoyle. Mr Smith yesterday empha-sised the difference between the £200 donation to his consttituency and the issue of "cash for questions which has been going on with Neil Ham-ilton". "No favours were asked by lan Greer Associates in return. If they had been he'd have got a very dusty answer indeed," he said.

The Liberal Democrats were also distancing them selves from Mr Greer's dona tions. Alan Beith, Liberal Democrat MP for Berwick-upon-Tweed, said yesterday: "My local association received a donation to the general election appeal from

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24 hours a day, seven days a week.



# Shaw retreats over Greer money

#### **TORIES AND DONATIONS**

Owen Bowcott and David Leigh

HE Conservative MP David Shaw yesterday retreated from his claim that the Guardian had been lying about when his constituency party received money from the political lobbyist lan

Insisting that his local agent's accounts showed no record of any such donation in 1987, Mr Shaw conceded there was a "remote possibil-ity" that another donation could have come through a Greer company account.

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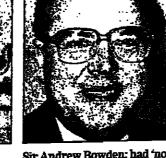
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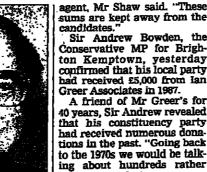
David Shaw: Sums 'kept away from candidates'

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agent, Mr Shaw said. "These Sir Andrew Bowden, the Conservative MP for Brigh-ton Kemptown, yesterday confirmed that his local party had received £5,000 from Ian Greer Associates in 1987. A friend of Mr Greer's for 40 years, Sir Andrew revealed that his constituency party

than thousands."

"I don't think I even knew in 1987 to help Mr Greer's campaign on behalf of Mr Al Fayed. He dropped out of the campaign later that year.

The money had been for local party election expenses, not his use. "I have not received one single penny personally from Ian Greer." The money was "entirely separate" from any dealings he had with Mr Al Fayed. Sir Andrew was recruited

There is no suggestion either MP did anything illegal



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Medical personnel stress 'tragedy' for mother expecting octuplets, whatever her motives in getting pregnant and selling her story

# Last of eight babies are stillborn

efused a selective abortion for any of her the last of them.

Three male babies — small enough to fit into the palm of one hand — were stillborn on Monday. Yesterday afternoon, doctors discovered that another — a girl — was on its way down the birth canal. Ms Allwood lost the last four at

around 5pm. The hand-written notification from King's College hos-pital, where Ms Allwood was taken on Monday, was stark. "We regret to announce Mandy Allwood has now lost her four remaining babies," it

read. Medical personnel at the outside have made clear that the loss of all her babies is an tragedy for Ms Allwood, whatever her motives in getting pregnant, attempting to give birth to all eight babies, and selling her story to the News

Robert Forman, clinical director of the London Gynaecological and Fertility Centre said: "Ms Allwood will be psy-chologically completely devTimetable of tragedy

ceived after Mandy Allwood takes fertility drugs. JULY: Boy friend Paul Hudson approaches Central TV and publicist Max Clifford AUGUST: Deal struck with the News of the World for an undisclosed fee. AUGUST 10: News of the

pregnancy breaks. Doctors warn that it is unlikely that all eight foetuses can be brought to term alive. AUGUST 12: Gynaecologist that the intense media interest may endanger her health, and calls for the

News of the World to with draw from its contract. AUGUST 16: Solihull

ment. When someone loses a relative it takes a minimum of two years before they recover. She is going to be very affected for a long time." The case had raised many issues about who should have access to fertility treatment, and whose responsibility it should be, Dr Forman said. "I think the doctors have their share of responsibility, but

the patients also have a res-

ponsibility. If there's one les-

son to be learned from this

it's that both have to work in

Rereavement counsellors will try to help Ms Allwood and her partner, Paul Hudson, mourn and come to terms with their loss. As a first step, they will be advised

health authority refuses to pay for specialist treatment in London.

AUGUST 21: NHS agrees to pay for Ms Allwood to be

treated by gynaecologist of

SEPTEMBER 30: Contrac-

tions start. Ms Allwood is rushed to King's College hospital, London, after los-ing a son around 5.30pm.

After arriving at hospital, two more babies lost.

OCTOBER 1: Doctors say it would be a "miracle" if any of her bables survive the

OCTOBER 2: In the morn-ing, Ms Allwood loses a

fourth baby. In the after-

noon, she loses the others.

her choice.

to name the habies Ms Allwood went into labour at 19 weeks because her womb was over-stretched they were bruised and exceptionally small. On Tuesday doctors said the five that remained stood little chance unless they could remain in the womb until at least the 24th week of pregnancy. But they made clear the chances were almost nil.

respected Ms Allwood's right to make the choice she did. She had been told she stood only a 50-50 chance of giving birth to live twins if she had undergone the selective shortion of the other six em bryos. But Ann Furedi, director of the Birth Control Trust said that circumstances had made it very difficult for her to decide what to do for the best. News of her multiple pregnancy broke at around the same time that a surgeon at Queen Charlotte's Hospital came under fire for the selec-

complete mess and a personal tragedy for her and, we assume, her partner. It is clear that she did ignore her doc-tor's advice (by having unproing fertility drugs), but lots of women do and I don't think she should be too harshly indged for that."

Ruth Grigg, spokeswoman for the Family Planning Association, said: "We feel very sorry for her ... hope this case hasn't made women worry about the safety of fertility drugs. If they are used and you comply with the advice you get, they



Mandy Allwood and her partner Paul Hudson before she lost the last of her babies yesterday, 19 weeks into her pregnancy

#### Comment

Sally Weale, Women's **Editor of** the Guardian, argues that the case must not impede help for those who need it

David Brindle, Social Services Correspondent

Fund plans to cut its spending in the United

Kingdom by 35 per cent and

withdraw some services for

WHATEVER one's gut reaction might have be in the early days of the Allwood saga, when it was first revealed that she was pregnant with eight babies and intended to carry them to term, today there is room only for sadness and compassion. What seemed at first little

more than a grotesque freak show was last night a desperately human tragedy. During the course of three painful days, Allwood has experienced the agony of losing every single one of the lives she carried within her. On Monday she miscarried

three boys; yesterday morning there was a girl; finally last night the news emerged from King's College hospital that been lost. Though only 19 weeks into her pregnancy, she

sion by the charity to reduce

its worldwide budget by £9

million, or 10 per cent, in res-ponse to a downturn in chari-

table giving. It insists most of

its six global regions are mak-ing equivalent sacrifices to the UK.

other voluntary groups will Critics, however, contend than a third of the cuts, but step in to take over many of that the charity is downgradits schemes, most of which ing its work in the UK knows its budget will be

knew what gender they were; we are told she even held some of her babies in her arms.

From the start, the experts made it plain they expected little else. But whatever her reasons, Ms Allwood decided to defy both public and medical opinion which advocated selective abortion, and took it upon herself to try to do what no woman had done before in the face of overwhelming antagonism

That Ms Allwood acted irresponsibly in having unprotected sex while taking powerful fertility drugs against her doctors' advice goes without saving. The whole sorry affair was sullied further bowever when she sold her story to the News of the World amid confused suggestions that the fee paid depended on the number of babies that survived. From

it to the status of one of the

Save the Children was named top fund-raising char-ity in 1992, but has since

slipped five places in the league.

It is still searching for more

six regions.

regarded as fair game and her private life, and that of her partner, Paul Hudson, was the subject of countless articles. Mandy Allwood's is a story

of profound personal tragedy but beyond that, it could have a devastating effect on the lives of thousands of sub-fertile women desperately seeking help to get pregnant Perhaps the treatment won't be quite so readily available; perhaps the clinics will look a little more carefully at those they choose to treat; maybe some women will be deemed unsuitable

Some will no doubt argue such caution is only right. But as Mandy Allwood attempts to inch her way back to normality, it would be a pity if one extraordinary story resulted in a wider backlash against fertility treatment.

## Child charity plans 35pc cuts

are in deprived areas. But it | following its decision last De | reduced from £5.4 million to accepts that some will close. | cember to wind up its UK and | £3.5 million. The cuts stem from a deci- | Europe division and relegate | Judy Lister, regional director, said yesterday. "We are going to be taking a radical look at the programme, repo-sitioning ourselves and building on our strengths."

The charity will aim to do more work with young people, but will pull out of direct child care. It is not known how many jobs will be lost among

# 'Lottery winner' hands out money

Erland Clouston

N Englishman suspected of trying to give money away to Scots was being eagerly hunted yesterday by Highland policemen concerned for his safety.

The police were summoned ofter the mysterious philanthropist failed to give bundles of £20 and £50 notes to a shocked Inverness business man. Earlier, the smartly-dressed, middle-aged man, who claimed to be a \$7 mil-lion lottery winner called either Stevie-Boy or Kevin, had to be escorted by a constable from a Masonic club where he had unsuccessfully

The man, who arrived in Inverness by private plane from Birmingham, is believed to have been responsible for last week's record £340 tip to a local taxi driver.

The police were alerted by garage owner Peter Foster, still recovering yesterday from what he described as "the most astonishing encounter of my lifetime".

ter, who revealed that his un-

Mr Foster was walking through a car park on Tues-day evening when he was approached by the frustrated mason. "The man first put a wad of £20 notes in my hand, and then fiftles," said Mr Fos-

Foster gallantly shoved the money back in his new

friend's sports jacket. "I had moral scruples about not accepting these wads of notes but I feared he'd get mugged so I telephoned the police," he said.

A police spokesman said an officer had been despatched to look for Stevie-Boy/Kevin, but he had so far not been located. "We are continuing to keep an eye open for this man for his own well-being," he

Last week a man answering his description tipped taxi-driver George Campbell £340

purchase expected benefactor had for an £11 trip to Inverness seemed to be lonely and need-airport. He took the notes from a bag containing, on Mr Campbell's estimation, bealists urge

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tween £70,000 and £80,000. Clues to the identity of the wealthy tourist remain sparse. He booked his £2.500 charter plane in the name of Gray, but a spokesman for lottery organisers Camelot had no record yesterday of a Gray winning £7 million. "He may exist, but have opted for no

publicity." he said.
Whoever he is, Scotland may not have seen the last of him. Before getting the brush-off from Mr Foster, Stevie-Boy/Kevin announced that he was on the look-out for a man-

# Lorry driver 'kept French girl's body hidden in cab for 10 days'

French student kept

her body hidden in his cab for 10 days before dumping it, Worcester crown court was told yesterday. On the first day of the trial aged 37, of Poole, Dorset, the jury heard that he had raped

and murdered Celine Figard, 19, shortly after picking her up at a service station near Newbury. Ms Figard, an accountancy student from eastern France, had been making her way to spend Christmas working at a Hampshire hotel when she disappeared, sparking a huge hunt. Her naked body was found 10 days later on Decem-ber 29 in a layby on the A449 near Worcester, in Hereford and Worcester.

As her parents Martine and Bernard watched from the back of the court, David Farrer QC, prosecuting, told the jury of nine women and three men she had been raped beaten and strangled.

He said there was a "compelling wealth of evidence linking Morgan with the murder. "If ever there was a pow-erful case based on circumstantial evidence this is it."

Morgan had picked Ms Fi-gard up at Chievely services on the M4 where she had been dropped off by a French lorry driver. She was seen leaving in Morean's white Mercedes lorry in the late afternoon of December 19. "It was the last time anyone saw her alive," Mr Farrer said

He said Morgan had raped, beaten and strangled her, then concealed the body behind the seat of his cab. He



tances, then parked outside he dropped her off safely be-his home where he spent fore delivering his load to his home where he spent Christmas with his wife and

After returning to work Morgan had dumped the body

at the earliest opportunity. It was found by a motorist less than 24 hours later. The court heard that Morgan now admitted having sexual intercourse with Ms Fi-gard, but insisted it was with her consent. Morgan claims

Southampton.

Mr Farrer said that after Morgan's arrest police had found blood spots in the cab which matched Ms Figard's blood. Two months later at the defendant's garage in Poole, police had found what appeared to be the bloodcoaked mattress for the lower bunk of the lorry's cab.
On the journey from her

ports she had passed through she had been given two bottles of champagne unavail-able in this country. According to the prosecution Morgan had later presented these as Christmas gifts to staff at the petrol station opposite his home where he parked his

He said Morgan could also be linked to the discovery of what appeared to be items of Ms Figard's clothing at a warehouse at High Ercall, Shropshire.

Morgan regularly delivered loads there and had been at the warehouse on the night the body was dumped in the

A warehousemen at the complex said he had knocked on Morgan's cab door at Bam and asked him to deliver his load to a nearby site. Accord-ing to Morgan's tachograph his lorry had not moved since his arrival at 1.20am until his

Mr Farrer told the jury there was good reason to be-lieve that Morgan had falsified the records by removing a fuse from the tachometer in an attempt to conceal the dumping of the body.

The warehouseman would testify that Morgan left some time between 8.30 and 8.45 that morning, Mr Farrer said. Moreover, the tachograph had not recorded the short trip from where he parked for the night to where he delivered his load.

"Could it be that having removed the vital fuse to con-ceal the journey from Righ Ercall to the layby he simply forgot to put it back, forgot his movements were not being recorded until after he

Glyndebourne opera house, where there have already been clashes over the extent of development

## Disharmony rises over Glyndebourne's 'abominable parking aria'

Martin Walmwright

SENSITIVE music-lovers who frequent one of Britain's most celebrated opera houses have been accused of blotting an outstanding landscape to prevent mud soiling their skirts and shiny shoes. Councillors have agreed to take enforcement action against Glyndebourne opera. near Lewes, East Sussex, over an "absolutely abominable" but guaranteed muck-free car

park for delicate patrons. Although born of a wish to stage opera in a sylvan and rural setting, Glyndebourne has regularly clashed with residents and conservationists over its steady accumulation of bricks, mortar and tar-mac. The "parking aria", as sarcastic locals nickname the gloomy, metalled half-acre, has finally driven Lewes

nonths to return the car park to something more suitable for shepherds and nymphs. Officers say the work contrarenes the law by damaging a

designated Area of Outstanding National Beauty and by ignoring the formality of getting planning permission.

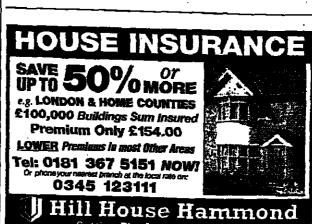
All parties on the council have joined the chorus of disapproval after councillors at Lewes town hall were shown a video of the car park and its effect on the sweeping view from the South Downs. "I've been saying for a long time it looks terrible," said Coun Vic Tomkinson, chair of Lewes's northern area planning com-mittee. "They do seem to have

Glyndebourne was cautious

a cavalier attitude.'

damp picnics on the grass official notification from the was held to give Verdi and council."

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#### SOCIAL SECURITY

Delegates back cautious pensions approach after deciding link to eamings would be too costly

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#### **EDUCATION**

Do Labour's sums add up? Blunkett admits he faces hard battle to win argument that promises on volunteers, early excellence and literacy are affordable



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Lady Castle on her way to the podium to speak on pensions yesterday

# Castle loses pension fight

# Loyalists urge cash prudence

Michael White

ONY Blair's team last night won a comfortable victory for their pension plans after Barbara Castle and her allies took their revolt right to the bitter end and forced a formal card vote at Labour's Blackpool

The leadership's win, by between 40 to 60 per cent, came only after arm-twisting among the major unions, furamong the halor unions, fur-ther concessions and a spec-tacularly defiant speech from Baroness Castle, 85, half a century after she was first

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The conference cheered wildly as Lady Castle rose to speak and cheered again after she had shown she is still a consummate political performer. Harriet Harman, the shadow social security secre-taryter, conceded that she still had much to learn from

Lady Castle said: "I believe good debate only strengthens democracy, not weakens it. This debate puts this pensions issue back in the centre of our party where it should have been in the first place." She repeated her campaign's main charge that pen-sions could be recoupled with earnings over four years at a cost of only 0.75 per cent on national insurance payments.

Again she mocked the leadership's warnings that restoring Serps — the state occupa-tional scheme she pioneered in the 70s — would require those in occupational pen-

sions to lose £550 a year.
To twist the knife, she said her plan would cost less than Gordon Brown's hopes of a 10p starter rate of tax — after the shadow chancellor had spent part of the day assuring delegates and wavering unions that he was right.

But the overwhelming thrust of the debate on "fair taxes and benefits" — includ-

ing Gordon Brown's controfit for 16-plus teenagers was against her. A succession of loyalists, including the leftwinger, Peter Hain, urged fi-nancial prudence and all but one big union, the GMB, either abstained or voted with Mr Blair on the key vote. The exact result will be an-

Though several speakers

urged the leadership to take a bolder stance — "the Tories found £6 billion to defeat the miners, surely we can find £6 billion to defeat poverty," said one speaker - the prevailing mood was one of loy-alty at all costs.

It fell to Harriet Harman also in a two-piece red suit — to argue, as tactfully as she could, against the cost of the Castle demands for full restoration of the link between state pensions and average earnings - which has cost single pensioners £23 a week since 1979 - and the revital-

isation of Serps.
"We are determined to improve the position of pensioners and determined that unlike the Tories we will honour all the promises we make. We make promises that we can keep ands we don't make promises we can't keep."

Not only did Ms Harman offer "dialogue and concensus" over the pension review which Labour is promising in government, she also wound

up her speech by further em-bellishing the executive's policy document, Security in "After this conference I will

bring together and consult all those who have an interest in pensions," she promised.
"Barbara asks will our work
start now?" The answer is yes." She also outlined what a Blair government would do for the young unemployed for those in need of a minimum wage and single parents as well as pensioners.

Immediate talks go some way to meet Lady Castle and rather further to placate Jack Jones, the former transport workers' leader, who is presi-dent of the National Pensioners Convention.

But Lady Castle said that without a full review Labour's new plans were moving towards a framework of private second pensions, and enshrined the means test attack on the welfare state".

In the event one constitu-ency involved in moving a more radical motion than Mr Blair wanted, Ealing Sou-thall, withdraw in the interests of party unity amid applause while the other Canning Town and Poplar

stuck to its guns, supporting the Castle package and restor-ing benefits for 16 and 17year-olds. "This is not an idealistic wish-list, it's practical," said the delegate, Dave Lawrence. "This is not about costs, it's about prior-ities and political will."

Jean Bishop, who once taught in John Smith's old school in the Highlands, said she was shocked by beggars on London's streets recent, Tory phenomenum."

Ms Harman joined the attacks on Tory policy as amounting to using the welfarer state "to mop up their failure. But we believe the welfare state must be a springboard for people's success giving a hand up not cess — giving a hand up, not a

#### Sketch

# Gran handbags pension muggers



Simon Hoggart

L'MUGGERS flee battling gran" would be the head-line in the tabloids. The story: pensioner Barbara Cas-tle, 85, used her lead-lined handbag to scatter an evil gang of muggers who tried to steal her cash yesterday.

Bystanders looked on

azed as the frail red-haired widow lashed out at the gang of hoodlums. "These louts vere begging for mercy," said one eyewitness. "But she didn't stop. Even when they were flat on the floor she kept sticking the boot in.

"I say, give 'em a free safari holiday. It's the only language these hooligans understand." It will be surprising if any one makes a more effective bench at the Conservative conference next week. The delegates gave her a standing ovation before she opened her mouth. After that the recep-

tion got warmer.
The great joy of being 85 is that you can say exactly what you like whenever you like and everyone has to pretend they admire you for saying it. She piled scorn upon Gor-don Brown. How could he refuse to link pensions to the increase in earnings when he was going to lose between five and eight billion pounds on

his 10p tax band? "Of course we all want to see a lighter tax burden on the lower paid. But a five to eight billion tax cut won't give a penny to the three million pensioners who are too poor to pay income tax."

Then it was Harriet Harman's turn to taste cold handbag. "We are told we will have a policy review after the election. Fine, let's have it after the election. But I'm just a simple Yorkshire girl. What policy do we fight the election

The delegates cheered bliss fully as she then attacked the whole apparatus of New Labour. 'I know the rickety machinery of policy making scenes finds it hard to master

the intricacies of something as complicated as pensions
..." Ms Harman sat behind her with the fixed smile of a daughter-in-law who is des-perate to imply that granny's outrageous remarks at Christ-mas are due to the fact that she doesn't drink much and that that second lemonade shandy was probably a mis-take. "This is a dangerous attack on the principles of the welfare state" granny con-cluded, and sat down to a storm of applause. The plat-form had fixed smiles and only John Prescott looked

genuinely pleased.

My colleague, Steve Bell,
has noticed Mr Prescott's close resemblance to a wilde-beest, or gnu, (see elsewhere

in this paper).

He may have been inspired by the book he has been cribbing from, How Animals Live. This includes the passage: "Gnus make deep tracks in the dry soil and kick up huge clouds of dust as they go. They do not seem to be very clever animals. They some times forget where they are going. If one gnu starts walking in the wrong direction others will follow him."

And so it proved to be. After the rapturous reception for Barbara Castle's attack on Harriet Harman, Harriet Harman received an almost equally rapturous reception for her, rather gentler, attack on Barbara Castle. "We owe it to pensioners not to make

This mock piety is as if someone owed you £5 and said: "I owe it to you not to promise to repay you money which I do not intend to give". You'd appreciate the honesty but would rather have the fiver.

But the fact is that the whole Labour Party has been taken over by the bossy middle classes. At the back of the hall some people have stuck up a series of nagging handwritten posters. "Quiet!" they urge. "Delegates are try-ing to hear! No talking, no

meeting, no interviews" If you have the briefest con-versation with a colleague (eg. "God this is boring. Let's get a drink") persons in M&S suits turn round and make shushing sounds from contorted mouths.

As if anyone went to a party conference to hear the speeches! It's like going to a wedding for the sermon. Some of these misfits even

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Michael White AVID BLUNKETT yes terday unveiled details of Labour's ambitious scheme to attract 100,000 young people into a new "Millennium Volunteers" pro-gramme designed to foster personal development while helping the sick. elderly and environmental causes. The £30 million scheme, in-

tended to mix government initiative with business and the voluntary sector, and to would come into effect between 1997 and 2000, was one. of three pledges highlighted by the shadow education and employment secretary. The others were his "early excellence centres", to provide a mix of day care and pre-school education, and the plan to get slow readers into three week summer schools before they leave primary

All are costed by Labour which plans to save £140 million by phasing out the assisted places scheme for 40,000 private school pupils. But ministers are certain to renew charges of high spend-ing impracticality — charges Mr Blunkett rejects. "We have a mountain to climb,"

In an impassioned conference speech he won repeated rounds of applause for pledging fair educational opportu-nities for all — not just a privileged minority.
The debate was marked by

repeated attacks on Conservative policies and calls to defend the principle of comprehensive education from voucher schemes as well as the drift towards selection --- a sensitive issue for Labour after the Harriet Harman row and Roy Hattersley's attacks.
Mr Blunkett himself

accused ministers of "complacency, neglect and deception" in their education policy. "The Tories always promise to the many what they only deliver to the few. A grammar school in every town, a secondary modern in every housing estate. One in 20 offered the best, up to 19 out of 20 attending the rest," he

of party policy were easily to provide places for threecarried, a radical option at year-olds whose parents wish tempting to reject testing and | it.

national league tables and restore student grants was de-

feated by 68-31 per cent. Labour's Millennium Volunteer plan was welcomed by Community Service Volun-teers (CSV) and David Sainsbury, whose Gatsby Foundation is engaged in pilot schemes which Mr Blunkett has studied.

The £30 million annual cost would be met from an Enviroumental Task Force (ETF) budget, and half from hoped-for private sponsorship. Labour wants to ensure that all those who wish to can take up a voluntary place, "giving hope and inspiration to the young people of today, providing them with the expectation of a better tomorrow," Mr Blunkett said. Unemployed young people aged 18-25 who

#### **Piedges**

☐ 100,000-strong Millennium Volunteers scheme
☐ Early Excellence Centres, 25 pllot schemes for under-fives

Summer schools to help
primary pupils who fall behind with reading
☐ Action to tackle £3 billion

backlog in school repairs ☐ Phase out assisted places ☐ Improved training schemes with new grade for best teacher

undertake local voluntary work would retain benefits and an unspecified sum, and would be encouraged to get into skills training.

The 25 early excellence cen-tres — model "one-stop shops" for parents, teachers and childminders - are part of the wider Labour plan to raise standards and replace the controversial nursery voucher system. They would cost around £10 million a year, half the money from savings on vouchers, half from local authority matching funds. In the literacy summer schools plan, pupils will be expected to reach expectations for their age after three weeks of intensive teaching. It would cost around £30 million.

Mr Blunkett pledged: 'Instead of vouchers, we will offer a nursery place to all Though motions in support | four-year-olds and set targets

# good to be true

AN GREER in Blackpool? A rumour too good to be ig-nored. So my colleague Mike White and photographer Martin Argles followed the tip-off to the Pembroke hotel. Could someone tell them where the Amoco din-ner, at which Greer was ex-pected, was being held? Ah yes, the hotel told our in-trepid team. That will be in the Hamilton Room.

NTERESTING to hear Tony Blair scrupulously resist-ing Justin Webb's Break-fast TV invitation yesterday morning to deny that he might offer Paddy Ashdown a Cabinet job. Interesting also to see Paddy's right-hand man Alan Leaman mixing with the mighty in the Imperial hotel last night.

ALL THESE late night champagne parties are proving too much for Labour's Second Lady, Pauline Prescott. She suggests that party givers should serve only cocoa after midnight. Not very New Labour, I object. Well, maybe camomile tea for those of more delicate tastes, she suggests.

ward a spectacularly in- asks, but why 144? dignant Roy Hattersley,

denied entry to the Imperial on Tuesday night for want of the right conference pass, closely followed by an even angrier Ed Balls, speechwriter to Gordon Brown.

**<b>✓**OU want to know why this is a quiet confer-ence? I will tell you. Last Labour was at Blackpool in 1994, the conference was practically taken over by the BBC. Or rather it was taken over by Joy Johnson, who at that time edited the live conference coverage and transformed proceedings by bombarding us with press releases about her team's lat-est interviews.

It was a brilliant operation and Labour hated it so much that they briefly gave Johnson a job in order to draw her sting. This year there is no BBC spoiling operation, no hourly BBC press releases — but Joy Johnson is back in Bleekreed working on a docu-Blackpool working on a documentary about Labour and devolution.

ICHAEL GRADE was in town this week for the annual Channel 4 Labour conference breakfast recalled his early days with the BBC when he went down to Lime Grove with Bill Cot-ton to crack the whip over his journalists. Anxious to annoy the hacks, Cotton greeted them with a "Good morning, lads, what's the definition of gross ignorance?" No answers. Well, says Bill, in my experience it's 144 jour-nalists. Still no laughs. Then the cerebral editor of Pan-ATEST victim of conference security? Step for hand. Sorry Mr Cotton, he

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I shall not tiptoe meekly away, governor tells Hong Kong assembly

# Patten vows to keep on fighting to the very end

Andrew Higgins in Hong Kong

HRIS PATTEN gave notice yesterday that he will not beat a quiet retreat from ony. With 272 days of his governorship left, he said he would not "tiptoe meekly" away, but stick to the course which has antagonised Beij-ing and Hong Kong's mostly pro-Beijing business elite.

"Our motto is not steady as she goes but full steam ahead." he said in his last policy address in the legislative assembly, soon to be stripped of its emblems of empire as well as its 60 elected

More important than a smooth transition to Chinese said, was a sucessful one. Deriding those who accuse him of disrupting the smooth transfer of sovereignty, he told a press conference after very smooth ride to the hospltal, but you might never come

The speech won few plaupro-business member of the assembly, complained that it had raised too many "confidence-sapping questions".



Tung Chee-hwa, left, and Sir Ti-liang Yang are candidates

called a lame duck, but he has deputy. Anson Chan, is a ducked the most important issue of all," said Martin Lee, is the recently resigned chief the Democratic Party leader. "We believe the defence of democracy ... and the de-fence of rule of law, cannot be achieved by mere words. It

can only be done by action, which, sadly, is lacking." Most people in Hong Kong are more interested in who will replace Mr Patten than final months.

There are five declared candidates for the post of chief executive. The front runner is the shipping tycoon Tung



for chief executive of the post-handover government

is the recently resigned chief justice. Sir Ti-liang Yang. But Beijing will decide who wins, and democrats dismiss the contest as a sham

defended his democratic reforms and increased spending on welfare: policies which China says sap Hong Kong's money-making energy.

Attacking China's plan to replace the assembly with a handpicked "provisional" body, Mr Patten said: "I sincerely hope, even at this late stage, this bad idea can be backing down. It considers the body illegitimate because it was elected, in September last year, under reforms introduced by Mr Patten with-

"There was a fair election," Mr Patten said. "The nub of the problem is, alas, precisely that: a fair election produced the wrong result for some people, a result in which too many pro-democracy legislators were elected.

"Of the foolish remarks that one occasionally hears about Hong Kong, none is more misguided than the notion that this community does not really care about human rights. Many people, maybe the majority of people, in Hong Kong are here precisely because of their concern for human rights.

His severest comments were directed at unnamed interes geer to make secret deals with Beljing. "My anxiety is not that this community's au-tonomy would be usurped by Beijing, but that it could be given away bit by bit by some people in Hong Kong."

In an aside to his Foreign Office critics, Mr Patten told the press conference: "Tve one could ever confuse me with a diplomat. But I do



An Afghan mother in a chador walks through the capital Kabul, obeying orders by the ruling Taliban that women must wear strict Islamic vells in public. Women are also banned from working or studying PHOTOGRAPH: PATRICK DE NORMANI

## Kashmir victor seeks to heal wounds

Suzanne Goldenberg

HE flamboyant scion of Kashmir's leading political family, Farooq Abdullah, emerged vic-torious yesterday from the first state elections for nine years, pledging to be tough on gunmen but to heal the wounds of the six-year sep-

aratist uprising. His National Conference party, which has called for more autonomy for Kashmir within the Indian union, took 54 seats in the 87-seat house, and Dr Abdullah was expected to be sworn in as chief minister

ing task of achieving recon-

leaders while persuading Kashmiri demands for free-politicians in New Delhi to dom. "Finally, we all have make good on promises of

After meeting political leaders in the Indian capital yesterday, he said the first step was to disarm the militants, and there was little prospect of removing the tens of thousands of Indian troops who have helped stamp out the rebellion while being accused of human rights abuses.

He also promised to find jobs for the estimated 4,000 gunmen — popularly have given their allegiance to New Delhi.

But Dr Abdullah held out a hand towards the separat-He now faces the daunt- ist leaders who boycotted for his ab

to live there. And we would like to bring them round to thinking in terms of the constitution of India ... I

think dialogue will con-tinue at all levels," he said. Last month's state polls and the restoration of an elected government are seen as crucial to New Delhi's hopes of bringing normality to Kashmir. Al-though there were signs of coercion during voting, there was less intimidation by Indian soldiers than during parliamentary elec-

tions last May.

Dr Abdullah, who was based in London for many years, has been criticised nce from Kashthe elections on the basis mir during the past six at those elections sparked ciliation with separatist that they did not meet bloody years, and for his the separatist uprising.

reputation as a motorbike riding playboy.

leader because of his pedi-gree. His father, the "Lion of Kashmir", Sheikh Abdullah, dominated the state for 50 years, though he spent decades in jail for his tonomy pledged to Kashmir nearly half a century ago. Dr Abdullah became

leader of the National Con ference after his father's death in 1982, and this was his fourth election victory. He last came to power in 1987 after entering into an unpopular alliance with the Congress party, and amid widespread allegations of vote fraud. Many Kashmiris argue that and

# Afghan warlord's motley crew holds Taliban at bay in north

ing a motiey array of Soviet army surplus. long shirts and turbans blew on their hands as freezing cloud poured down from the peaks of the Hindu Kush mountains yesterday.

The men, members of Gen-eral Abdul Rashid Dostam's Jumbash faction, were guarding a road tunnel on the stra-

tegic Salang highway. The warlord's men and armour moved on to the pass to forestall an advance northwards by the radical Islamic Taliban milltia which seized the capital, Kabul, last week.

The tunnel, 45 miles northwest of Kabul, was abandoned last week by the forces of the deposed president, Burhanuddin Rabbani. It forms a vital link between the capital, porthern Afghanistan and the

Central Asian republics. Jumbash Howitzers, mortars and tanks were dug in on the mountains around the tunnel. A Grad multiple

News in brief

in Burma

Mass arrests

The Burmese opposition

leader, Aung San Suu Kyi, said yesterday that up to 800 democracy activists had been

than that of the State Law and

Order Restoration Council.

which ordered the arrests to prevent an opposition con-

gress taking place. — Reuter

The former Bulgarian prime

minister, Andrei Lukanov,

was found shot dead at his

home, the parliamentary

speaker said yesterday. The

circumstances of his death

were unclear. — Reuter.

Suspect held

Bulgarian killing

rels trained down the valle with rice fields and mulberry trees visible in the distance. "The Taliban are down there," said the frontline commander, General Chary, his outstretched hand following the line of the rocket launcher. "We command the heights — there has been no

fighting here."
The Jumbash, or National Islamic Movement of Afghanistan, has said it does not want to fight the Taliban. But the armour guarding the spectacular natural gate to Gen Dostam's northern territory gave a clear message.
"We don't want to fight but
we will defend ourselves,"

Gen Chary said.

The Taliban's lightning advance north, bringing its fundamentalist brand of Islam. sent shivers through the relatively liberal northern territories controlled by Gen

ing the Salang highway, rem-nants of the Soviet intervention from 1979-89 and later faction fighting, are a reminder of the cost of taking

But the charred tanks litter-

The snows, due soon, will

Dostam's territory.

Colonel Sayed Ahmed, a

bearded Afghan commander at the front - Jumbash fight-

said he had abandoned Mr

Rabbani's army and joined

the Jumbash to hold back the

Taliban. A truck load of Mr

Rabbani's soldiers drew up

behind the colonel's jeep, also

But Gen Dostam cannot

rest easy. There is wide-

spread talk of further war-fare. The Taliban wants all

Afghanistan," an aid worker

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intent on changing sides

said. — Reuter.

ers sport only moustaches

make any advance across the

pass extremely difficult. Win-

ter jackets have been distrib-uted to Gen Dostam's men.

some of whom have no socks.

taken towns without any seri-

ous fighting," said a Western aid worker in the region. He

questioned the Taliban's abil-

ity to overpower Gen Dos-

tam's well-armed and well-

Buses and trucks full of

refugees, piled high with bags

and bicycles, have teetered

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Fears for 70 as jet falls into Pacific off Peru coast

Jane Diaz-Limaco in Lima and Mark Tran in New York

BOEING 757 with 70 people, including two Britons, on board crashed into the Pacific off the Peruvian coast shortly after take-off yesterday when the pilot reported technical problems and said

Thick fog and drizzle hampered early air and sea earches for wreckage or survivors from the Aeroperu flight from Lima to Santiago, Chile, but as light improved rescuers reported seeing de-bris, life jackets and oil slicks about 40 miles off the coast at Chancay, some 44 miles north

of Lima.

Rescue efforts were being through the darkness. He did not know whether he was the search for possible survi- over sea or land.

vors although hopes were not high.
One body has been pulled from the sea, and there is lit-

tle hope of finding survivors. The airline identified the Britons as Mark Bran and Guillermo Serveto, believed to be resident in Chile. It said 21 passengers boarded the flight in the United States, 10 in Ecuador and 30 in Peru. There were nine crew on

Radar contact was lost at 1.10am local time, more than 20 minutes after the pilot reported the emergency. Motorway police said they saw a light falling to the sea.

Local media reported that the computerised navigation system had failed and the pilot had asked for another

details of the reported mechanical problem. It said 21 passengers started their journey in the United

States, 10 in Ecuador and 30 in Peru. There were nine crew members on board. The plane was delivered in

1992 and had completed 2,600 cycles of take-off and landing. Boeing sent two employees to help the Peruvian authorities n their investigation, and additional experts were ready if

Two Boeing 757s have been involved in fatal crashes in recent months. In February, an Alas Nacionales 757 from the Dominican Republic went down, killing 189 passengers. The incident is still under investigation.

were four survivors. The final

week, blamed pilot error. There are 721 Boeing 757s in service. Boeing officials declined to

comment on reports of mechanical problems "We are still sorting out the news reports," a company

This is Peru's second serious air accident this year. In February a plane of the Peruvian airline Faucett, on a domestic flight, crashed into a mountain minutes before it was due to land in the southern Peruvian city of Arequipa. All 123 on board were

The US national transpor-tation safety board has recommended Boeing to improve the rudder design on its can Airlines 757 crashed near Calais, killing 165. There were four survivors. The feature of the control of the calculation of lems lay with the rudder.

tion with the killing of the rap singer Tupac Shakur, ABC radio said yesterday. He was shot on September 7. — AP.

Angola hopes fall The Angolan former guerrilla group Unita boycotted a peace summit yesterday, dashing the hopes of South Africa's president, Nelson Mandela, and other regional leaders that their initiative would lead to a breakthrough in implementing the 1994 peace accords with the government of President Jose Eduardo dos Santos. - Reuter.

Citizen Teresa

President Bill Clinton conferred honorary American citizenship on Mother Teresa this week, saying the nun had demonstrated "how we can Police in Compton, Califoring make real our dreams for a nia, have arrested a 22-year just and good society".—AP.

Some wavering royalists have only to think of the prospect of Lady Thatcher as President to shudder their way back into the fold

Antonia Fraser reviews Pimlott

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# Britain seeks asylum limit

Diplomatic Editor

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RITAIN asylum to people promoting terrorism, urging the United Nations to tighten criteris on refugees in a way that experts warn blurs the boundaries between crime and political

go to the UN's legal commit-tee in New York with a declaration that anyone "financing, planning and inciting terrorist acts" should forfelt the protection of the 1951 UN

he opposes - when making extradition arrangements.

Critics predict the changes will bring demands to hand over dissidents. They say that if Nelson Mandela had been in Britain during the struggle against apartheid he could have been denied asylum and extradited to South Africa as a terrorist.

But government officials insist the question of return is not touched by the proposed declaration, which is nonbinding, and that Britain is bound to take human rights issues into account.

based exiles, such as the Saudi fundamentalist Mo-hammed al-Mas'ari, whom the government tried unsuc-cessfully to deport to the Caribbean island of Dominica earlier this year.

big powerful neighbour. For historical reasons, we

tend to get very emotional

about this," said Peter Ull-ram, director of Fessl opin-

ion polisters. The Austrian Economics

Research Institute estimates

that there will be foreign in-

vestment of 30 billion schillings (£1.8 billion) in Austria this year, just over

80 per cent coming from

Germany.
"The German economy

completely dominates the

'Bonn never uses

this involvement

to make political

internal market here, with

40 per cent of imports and

exports," said Jan Stan-kovsky, its foreign trade

expert. "But German busi-

ness behaves very correctly

and Bonn never uses this

involvement to make politi-

cal capital. We're very sen-sitive about the Germans."

economic sphere. The com-

mon language gives Germany a strong influence in

literature, publishing, media and culture.

Last weekend, in the bor-

der village of Braunau, his-

torians and intellectuals

from both sides debated

Germany's "appropriation" of leading Austrian

artists. The night before,

Austrian painters and ar-

capital'

activity taking place in Britain. Home Office and Foreign Office officials insist they are simply trying to close loop-holes exploited by people of violence. "We are not looking at dissidents," one said. "We

group of people who are be-yond reasonable doubt en-gaged in terrorism."

But some experts believe fundamental freedoms will be eroded: "Terrorism is such a frightener that states only have to mention it and there is a danger that all manner of human rights will melt away."

are looking at a far narrower

Anne Owers of the human rights group Justice warned. Britain's declaration, ad vertised last week by Mal-colm Rifkind, the Foreign Secretary, is part of a wider

Egypt, Algeria and India United Nations High Commis-have all complained of terrorist sioner for Refugees (UNHCR) sioner for Refugees (UNHCR) opposes the change because it confuses refugees and terrorists. It insists the 1951 convention is adequate.

The convention excludes people who have committed war crimes, crimes against humanity or acts "contrary to the purposes and principles of the UN". Government strategy is to add terrorism to

Diplomats say Britain's al-lies are allowing it to go ahead because common law rules of evidence and traditions of free speech mean it lacks laws that are in place in

the US and Europe.
"The US will back this but they neither need it nor want it and are only doing it because the UK has supported it on other issues," a source said. "If this declaration does go through, the interpretation

will be very wide. It would be much more useful to have national legislation that would define exactly what the offences are so they can be tested in courts. What is meant by 'planning'? What exactly is 'incitement'?" Nicholas Blake QC, an im-

migration expert, said: "Terrorism is an undefined concept internationally, rendering legal judgments pecu-liarly susceptible to political

"Western states have armed and supported movements such as the contras in Nicara-gua or the mojahedin in Afghanistan that many consider to be terrorists while condemning armed resistance by African liberation movements no opportunity for democratic change is permitted for op-

John Major announced the British plan after discussions on terrorism at the Group of Seven summit in Lyon in July. "Clearly you don't want

people to be able to commit atrocities and then be able to claim protection, but this raises problems of definition and proof," Ms Owers said. "The international human rights framework was set up to provide protection for individuals against states. If you lob in words like terrorism and national security it creates the possibility of states undermining those protections to protect themselves."

John Wadham of Liberty

said: "Once you start accept-ing other people's definition of terrorism you are in trou-ble. Incitement is a very nebulous term and there are real problems about the difference

#### **WORLD NEWS 7**

News in brief

### Palme suspect wanted in Zimbabwe

to question Anthony White, a former commando implicated in the 1986 assassination of the Swedish prime minister, Olof Palme, about the death of two government game rangers in

The rangers, identified as Martin Sibanda and Martin Marimo, evidently radioed their base to say they were pursuing suspected poachers led by Mr White, a former captain in an elite unit of the army of Rhodesia, as Zimbabwe was known before independence in 1980.

Mr White, who fled the country at independence, had long been suspected of poaching and involvement in sabotage and 'dirty tricks" for neighbouring South Africa's apartheid-era ecurity services, said one senior Zimbabwe police officer. Mr White has denied any involvement in the Palme killng. — AP, Harare.

#### Yeltsin urged to step down

RUSSIA'S security chief, General Alexander Lebed, is due to meet President Boris Yeltsin in hospital today, after facing withering insults and criticism in the state Duma for concluding his Che-

The most damning words came from the interior minister, General Anatoli Kulikov, who accused him of appeasement tanta mount to Chamberlain's Munich agreement with Hitler.

Gen Lebed joined Communists in calling for Mr Yeltsin to step down as president while he is in hospital awaiting heart surgery. saying the army was on the verge of revolt. He threatened to retaliate against Nato's eastward expansion with economic sanctions against United States firms in Russia, and then hinted darkly that Russia retained a nuclear capability. He said his powers as the president's representative in Che-chenia were "almost exhausted", and it was time for other

ministries to take up the peace proce

It may therefore be only a matter of time and choice of occasion before he steps openly into the opposition ranks to await the next time he can make a bid for the presidency. — David Hearst,

# Turkish PM heads for Libya

THE Turkish prime minister, Necmettin Erbakan, left for a controversial foreign tour yesterday. Turkey's first Islamist leader will visit Libya, Egypt and Nigeria. Foreign ministry

officials dissuaded him from visiting Sudan.
The US state department spokesman, Nicholas Burns, said this week: "We certainly would have concern about any country normalising relations with Sudan and Libya." Both are considered by the administration to be sponsors of terrorism. Mr Erbakan has gone out of his way to show that he will not cosy up to the United States with talk of improving ties with Cuba and a

But there are signs he may have endangered the coalition. Tansu Ciller, leader of partner True Path Party, said yesterday in her capacity as foreign minister that the visit was ill-timed. —

#### US plans anthrax vaccine

UNITED STATES military chiefs have endorsed a plan to vaccinate the country's forces against anthrax, reversing earlier opposition. It would be the Pentagon's first regular inoculation pro-gramme against a germ warfare agent, defence department

The about-face by senior commanders removes the principal hurdle to the plan and reflects beightened Pentagon concern about the prospect of biological attack. Iraq, Russia and as many as 10 other countries are said by US officials to have at least the capability to load spores of the disease into weapons.

Military leaders had been dubious about the need for the anthrax vaccine, instead favouring work on a multipurpose inoculation. — The Washington Post.

#### Comic irks attorney-general

CALIFORNIA'S top law enforcement official is not amused by Doonesbury comic strip episodes poking fun at a raid by drug agents on a San Francisco club that said it supplied marijuana to ill people.

'Ine state attorney-p Press Syndicate — which distributes Garry Trudeau's cartoon strip to, among others, the Guardian — to "pull the plug" on this week's strips, his office said. He urged the step because of the "inaccurate portrayal" of the San Francisco Cannabis Buyers'

The club, operating in defiance of laws against marijuana possession, supplied the drug to about 12,000 San Franciscans who, the club said, used mariluana to ease suffering caused by illnesses such as Aids, cancer and glaucoma.

Universal Press Syndicate said it did not plan to withdraw the strips. — Reuter, San Francisco.

#### 'Dead' Iraqi seeks to sue

A RETIRED army general has asked the Iraqi president, Saddam Hussein, to let him sue foreign radio stations for alleging he was executed after a folled coup attempt, newspapers said yesterday. In a telegram to President Saddam, retired Gen Abid Mutlak Hummod al-Jubouri said he was shocked to hear himself named

on the August 13 radio broadcasts as one of the coup plotters.

Many news organisations reported the story, quoting the exiled
Iraqi dissident group Al-Wifaq Al-Watani, or National Accord movement, which named the general as one of those executed. A spokesman for the movement said yesterday from Amman, Jordan, that it stood by its report and the telegram was a fake. — AP, Baghdad.

#### Spaniard finds it pays to pray

A SPANISH businessman and devout Catholic who stopped to A STATUSH INSTITUTE TO THE ARCHITECTURE OF A STATUS OF

The church was empty except for a coffin containing the remains of a man, so Eduardo Sierra, aged 35, knelt down and prayed for the deceased. He then signed a condolence book placed by the coffin after he saw a note saying those who prayed for the dead man should enter their name and address. He was the first to

sign.

Several weeks later he got a call from the Swedish capital informing him he was a millionaire. Jens Svenson, the man he had prayed for, had been a property developer with no close relatives and had specified in his will that "whoever prays for my soul gets all my belongings". — AP, Hamburg.

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reports from Vienna

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company takeovers

ASTED across the supermarket windows of Vienna this week,

in a lame attempt to assuage fears of encroaching

German economic might, is the slogan "Priority for

Whether advertising sau-sage, yoghurt or wine, the

Austria first" message of

the Billa supermarket chain

has an unintended irony.

Last month the chain — Aus-

tria's biggest — was taken over by a German firm.

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pent in a series of German

purchases which included the renowned Vlennese fur-

At the Semperit tyre fac-

tory south of Vienna, the workforce is fuming. Mili-

tants are mobilising against the German parent firm, Continental, which

has decided to close parts of

the factory, balve the workforce and transfer produc-

"The Germans come in here, take the Austrian

subsidies, our taxpayers' money, and then cut Aus-

trian jobs. It's a scandal.' one worker complained.

Anxiety is rife among

Austria's 8 million Ger-

man-speaking people. There is fearful talk of a new Anschluss — the term

Hitler used for his 1938

Czech Republic.

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The move was initiated partly because of frustration about the activities of British-

effort involving the United States and France. But the Deutschmark imperialism

makes Austrians shudder takeover — making them | chitects in Bonn debated Germany's 17th federal | whether there was a sepa-

rate Austrian art. "It hurts us when the Frankfurter Allgemeine newspaper describes Peter Handke [the leading Austrian novelist and playwright] as a German writer," said the Braunau conference host, Andreas Maislinger.

A few years ago there was a row when Mr Handke won a literary prize named after the 19th-century playwright Franz Grillparzer. The winner was Austrian, the prize named after an Austrian. But the competition was instituted by a German literary foundation and the prize money in marks, not

schillings. Austria has no indigenous commercial television but two state channels are overwhelmed by more than a dozen German cable

channels. The German chancellor, Helmut Kohl, who like millions of his compatriots takes annual holidays in Austria, said last week: "There are no more ques-tions of identity today in the relationship between

Germans and Austrians." But things are not that in Braunau said his country's wariness of German appropriation highlighted Austrian insecurity and lack of self-confidence.

Mr Ullram estimated that there was a 10 per cent "greater Germany" contingent in Austria. "But they're mainly elderly and they're dying off. What we're seeing ... is a rise in separate Aus-

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# **End of the line for TGV**

Paul Webster in Paris HE fascination

successive French gov-ernments with the super-speed TGV rail network has been quietly aban-doned by the Gaullist-led administration, which believes expansion is too expensive, technically out of date and detrimental to the autoroide orogramme.

The junior transport minis-ter, Anne-Marie Idrac, confirmed a decision to revise plans to build a further 1.400 miles of TGV tracks as she spoke to French industrialists at the Institute of Industrial History. Nine projects are threatened, including a high-speed link between Paris and

reasons for suspending the TGV programme, the decision will be seen as a victory for the motor industry lobby. According to transport ministry sources, funds originally intended for the TGV will now nelp completion of a further

visionally approved in 1992 would have cost more than £20 billion, adding to a network which includes the 15year-old pioneer route beween Paris and Lyon, the line to Bordeaux and the Eurostar Channel run. About 3.000 miles of high-speed track carry 160 million passengers a year and cut travelling time by half.

Ms ldrac said projects were being put on hold because France had wanted to go too far, too fast. She said a realis-

drawn up, based on the devel-opment of new trains, built on the tilting principle of the British APT. This would on traditional tracks has been perfected. being forced to rethink a prestige programme, which has resulted in big export orders, allow TGVs to run on existing all-purpose lines at about two-thirds of their top speed of more than 185mph. will stir up a mixed reaction.

The British-owned GEC-Althsom, which builds the TGV, has said the prototype will be developed by the end of next year and could be in service by 2000. But some technology may have to be bought from Germany and

Italy, where the tilting princiling local economies.

Strasbourg.

Although Ms Idrac cited only technical and financial

For seven departures only we shall be operating a special flight at an especially low tariff to the lovely city of Harare (formerly Salisbury); with its fine museums housing the artefacts of David Livingstone. We have a small number of scats available over the period allowing us to make a special offer of the right in the foreurs and 5, standalized. 1,400 miles of motorway. New super-speed lines pro-

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## **Silence from Number 10**

Mr Major knows Mr Hamilton lied. Why so quiet?

ter invited him to at 10 Downing Street last night. It is a great loss to the picture archives. It would have completed the Hamilton triptych: Hamilton in Prussian lederhosen offering an with a gingerbread biscuit the day after the original Guardian allegations, and Hamilton being entertained by the boss he lied to in 1994. Better still would have been to have snapped him inside Downing Street sharing a joke with another guest, Michael Heseltine, the second boss he lied to in 1994. Such a set of pictures would have been a historic commentary upon the moral standards of the Conservative Party in recent

The continued silence of Mr Major and Mr Heseltine on the Hamilton affair becomes more extraordinary by the day. Let us recap the most damning and easily proved lie that Mr Hamilton has told — the lie on the basis of which he was initially allowed to remain a Minister. On October 21 the Chief Whip interviewed Mr Hamilton and asked if there was anything he had not declared, or anything else which could embarrass the Government. He said there wasn't. The Deputy Prime Minister directly challenged him as to whether he had ever had any financial relationship with Ian Greer. He promised Mr Heseltine he hadn't. Mr Heseltine said that on the basis of this assurance it would have been unjust to sack Mr charge of corporate probity. We now know that during the very period the much of it up as he goes along. It is, Chief Whip and Mr Heseltine were alas, an all too familiar British fudge.

Every recent attempt by a House of with Mr Greer, amounting to at least two payments totalling £10,000.

know all the facts relating to this en- break this sorry pattern.

SADLY, Neil Hamilton was "too busy" | counter, yet they have said nothing and to attend a reception the Prime Minis | done nothing. If any other leader in the community — be they a policeman, a headmaster, a chief executive or a town clerk - did nothing about a senior employee who had probably lied to them they would forfeit any respect or amusing salute; Hamilton grinning trust. Mr Major, for all his lectures on moral standards in this country, cannot bring himself to utter so much as a

batsqueak of disapproval. Some leader.
The proficiency of Mr Hamilton and Mr Greer at lying is relevant to what happens next. The papers in the halted libel case stretches to 46 ring files. The High Court trial would have lasted a month and the evidence would have been tested by lawyers who had, between them, spent thousands of hours sifting through the facts, the inconsistencies and the lies. All this is now to be passed into the lone hands of Sir Gordon Downey, the man now charged

with investigating allegations of sleaze. What would have been publicly tested will now be privately examined. Sir Gordon's powers of subpoena and crossexamination have yet to be determined. Will witnesses be accompanied by their lawyers? Can he demand to cross-examine the Prime Minister? Can he subpoena the suppressed Central TV documentary on Ian Greer in which the silken lobbyist admits that of course he arranged for MPs to ask questions (something he lied about — again — yesterday)? Can Sir Gordon's committee then separately call and cross-examine witnesses? Will that be in public or Hamilton from his role as Minister in in private? The truth is that no-one knows: Sir Gordon is having to make

Every recent attempt by a House of did indeed have a financial relationship | Commons Committee to investigate a misdemeanour by one of its members has ended up in farce or in a feeble Mr Heseltine and Mr Major also now reprimand. It is up to Sir Gordon to

## How to relieve the pain of poverty

Answer? Look away from Blackpool and towards Australia

under attack at the Labour conference yesterday: pensions and child benefits. earnings index for state pensioners and proposing to abolish child benefit for have suffered serious reverses. There has been a threefold increase in child poverty since 1979. One out of three children now lives in a poor household as defined by the European Union below half the national average income. Pensioner poverty has been camouflaged by the increase in average pension income. What this average hides is that while the top 20 per cent of pensioners have received a 70 per cent increase in income since 1979, the increase at the bottom is seven times smaller: a mere 10 per cent of a much smaller income. Proportionately - and shamefully — there are more pensioners in poverty today than there were in

Barbara Castle was right to be conpension since its earnings-link was abolished by the Conservatives in 1980. Since then it has dropped from 21 per cent of average male earnings to 14 per cent today and is projected to shrink to a mere nine per cent by the year 2020. Single pensioners have lost £20-a-week couples £30. But there is something worse than this general erosion — the widening inequality of elderly households. It is this very increase in in-

IS THERE any future for universal | equality - the starkest for 100 years benefits? The two best-known were both | that makes a universal approach such an inadequate response. Barbara Castle's plan included a £5-a-week increase The platform was refusing to restore an \ for single pensioners and £8 for couples in compensation for the erosion. Her package would cost £3.5 billion. This is children aged 16 or over. Both groups no way of relieving the poverty of the bottom 40 per cent: an extra 71p a day. Why give the affluent pensioner, already receiving sufficient to pay top rate tax, an extra £5-a-week when, with a more targeted approach, the bottom could receive five times that sum?

Gordon Brown's approach to child penefits already shows how much more you can give the poor if you are ready to be more radical. Instead of a child benefit of £10.80, poor families under the new plan could get three or four times as much through educational maintenance allowances. This would be a welcome — and all too rare — redistribution by Labour from the better-off to the poor. What is wrong with Labour's present pensions plan is that nothing is clear. Having had two sepa-

cerned by the erosion of the basic rate reviews, it now wants a third. Its current plan is merely a tarted-up version of the present Tory scheme. Whoever wins yesterday's vote — the count will be announced today — both sides should look at the Australian approach. It too has means tests, but applied to top incomes rather than bottom. The betteroff you are, the less basic pension and child benefit you get. That's the right road for universal benefits to take. Fair

#### Culture is off the agenda

The arts should be a Labour priority not a fringe activity

YOU WILL search in vain for the high profile Creative Nation policy. Labour Conference debate on the arts and cultural policy this week. There wasn't one last year either. And the blind spot is wider than that. Tony Blair's speech on Tuesday touched many bases but not a single remark about the arts. The arts are one of Britain's greatest glories, largest employers and biggest income earners. Most of the best social democratic governments of modern times - in Australia, France, Ireland and Sweden — have given the arts high priority. So why this silence from Labour?

It is not as if the arts are in blooming health. They have struggled for years to make the best of a mean-fisted and mean-minded cultural atmosphere, a situation which Lord Gowrie yesterday described as devastating. The need for a fresh start and fresh vision could not be greater. Mr Blair is supposedly an enthusiastic convert to Paul Keating's fringes.

Shadow ministers have been working on a beefed-up Keating-influenced strategy document for months now but its publication is still many weeks away. The arts is an area which ought to fit naturally into any Age of Achievement in a Blairite Young Country.

It is not enough to blame this frustrating situation on Jack Cunningham's low-key performance as shadow heritage secretary. Labour's failure so far to rise to the challenge on cultural policy is more general than that. It seems to speak of a lack of confidence, even a suspicion, about the arts. These are needless inhibitions. We have an unrivalled heritage and one of the best arts scenes in the world, as well as the inestimable good fortune of the English language. Cultural policy ought to be a natural priority for New Labour, not a dividualism are not. David C Webb. subject fit only for the conference



Letters to the Editor

# Where the living is sleazy

WANT to congratulate you on an excellent piece of investigative journalism (Hamilton admits: I took money, October 2). This must be a fillip to all those who wish to see our parliamentary democracy shaken up and

cleaned up. Due to your work, others of Mr Hamilton's ilk must now be scurrying for the nearest rock pool. D **John**. 20 Bensham Lane

T is a serious common-law criminal offence punishable by imprisonment for the holder of a public office to ac-

Croydon CR0 2RQ.

cept a bribe.

I hope that, as well as being passed to John Major, Sir Gordon Downey, the Parliamentary Commissioner for Standards, and the Inland Revenue, your file on the Hamilton libel case will also he passed to the Attorney-General and the Grown Prosecution Service. (Dr) Gary Slapper. Staffordshire University, Leek Road,

Stoke on Trent ST4 2DF.

A local writes

RICHARD Thomas paints a picture of Stevenage

unrecognisable to those of us

who live here (Coy responses

to Blair's New advance,

The town centre is not

'empty at night". The

recently opened Stevenage Leisure Park has two new

nightclubs, a modern twelve-

screen cinema and a string of restaurants that are buzz-

ing with activity every eve-

Our "sunken pedestrian

pathways" are walkways

and cycle tracks that enable

us to go anywhere in the

town without crossing busy

His informant is wrong to

E have had more than enough Messiahs (Blair

spells out his 'Age of Achieve

ment' for Britain, October 2).

Stange how they all have the

always with you. I thought the Labour Party existed to

CATHERINE Beunett provides a cogent critique of Tony Blair's millennarian madness (Trust me, trust my

vows and pledges, October 2). The apocalyptic approach of

New Labour emphasises

Christian socialism but ig-nores the equally important tradition of secular socialism.

which goes back two centu-

ries and includes such figures

as Owen and Holyoake, Hynd-

and Shaw, the Webbs and the

Coles, Bevan and Gaitskell,

Foot and Kinnock

Rossmoyne Road,

Lancaster LA1 4SN.

Scotforth

Nicolas Walter.

provide loaves and fishes

not the National Lottery.

John N French.

Bristol BS3 4SJ.

21 Monmouth Street.

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ning of the week.

main roads.

AS Neil Hamilton ever ing to elevate the political the free press to exact accountability of politicians, from public-relations people? MJAmor. the free press to exact accountability of politicians, when so few other avenues from public-relations people? It is quite obvious that the most effective PR for Mr Hamilton is for him not to ap-pear in public and certainly not allow himself to be inter-

viewed on television. I am sure if Mr Hamilton were offered enough money he would wear a label around his neck that simply said, "I am a Tory". This would virtually guarantee a Labour vic-tory in the general election. Paul Spellman. 2 Redcar Road, Guisborough Cleveland TS14 6DB.

SURELY it's immaterial who makes donations into any constituency party's funds, particularly on the small scale you report. These funds would have been used to buy tables and chairs and computers etc; and while they night make the constituency more efficient, they were not for the personal use of the MP concerned. Too many stones are being turned over to fuel

White House, High Street,

COMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN RECEIVED ABOUT THE RELENTLESS NEGATIVE CANINE DEPICTION OF THE

DEPUTY LEADER OF THE LABOUR PARTY, SO STEPS HAVE BEEN TAKEN TO CORRECT THIS TENDENCY:

Princes Risborough, Buckinghamshire HP27 0AE. WOULD be happy to con-tribute a few quid to Neil Hamilton's defence fund if it

would allow more truth to be revealed. Anybody else in? John Wood. 74 Weston Park, London N8 9TB.

AFEW years ago, the Italian Christian Democrats and Socialists were found to be riddled with corruption. Such was the revulsion felt by the Italian people that they brought sufficient pressure to bear to ensure that both parties were disbanded. Surely the time has come for the British people to exert similar pressure on the Tories? Walter Cairns. Broomhurst Hall,

indignation largely created to expose MPs taking 14 Godwin Road, by the media. Let's return to | money to ask parliamentary by the media. Let's return to money to ask parliamentary Bromley, more positive forms of report questions. Now is the time for Kent BR2 9LQ.

London SW11 2RG. THANK you for a wonderful front page (A liar and a cheat, October 1). If it was "The Sun Wot Won It", with any luck posterity will record

Manchester M20 8RP "and the Guardian wot got

'em out".

But is it art?

are open

Chris E Jones.

53 Whoberley Avenue,

the Conservative Party"

would not assist him finan-

Surely it is far more likely

that further sleaze would be revealed in court causing

huge embarrassment to the

Government and the party.
(Dr) Crystal Romilly.

28 St Johns Hill Grove,

Chapelfields, Coventry CV5 8ER.

cially to continue.

ISA Jardine (Women, Octo-ber 1) mentions only a single work by a single sculptor in the Jesus College exhibition, and portrays the college fellowship as hostile to art, "elderly dons ... huffing and puffing, parading their smug philistinism and resistance to the modern".

She fails to mention that this same fellowship, year after year, has invited the college's Works of Art Committee to organise our sculpture exhibitions, has commissioned the astonishingly beautiful Quin-centenary Library, and has enhanced it with sculptures by Antony Gormley and Sir Eduardo Paolozzi. She does not mention that Richard Long has since twice been in-vited to participate again. She does not mention our growng art collection, the vitality of the student run Visual Art Society, or several artists' generosity to the college.
You have yourself, Sir. per-

haps correctly assessed the tenor of Prof Jardine's writing by printing it on your Women's Page, and in illus-trating it with a photograph of Prof Jardine herself in place of one of the 17 artists. (Prof) Lord Renfrew.

ster. Jesus College Cambridge CB5 8BL

#### Protest reaches Fever Pitch

Howells to observe that the British film industry is run by "a small, miserable bunch of chattering classes... ashamed to be classes... ashamed to be associated with hugely profitable films like Independence Day or Twister" ("End of socialism" MP finds new tar-F Mr Hamilton really had a good case and only shortage get in attack on British filmof funds prevented him pur-suing it, then I find it hard to believe that "sources close to makers for shunning block-busters, October 1).

I have recently had firsthand experience of this mis-erabilist tendency. When I was adapting my book Fever Pitch for the cinema, I made it quite clear in the script that I wanted both alien spacecraft and hurricanes to feature prominently, in order to make the film a sure-fire commercial success. The grim elitists at Channel 4 Films, however, insisted on the removal of all crowd-pleasing elements, citing — pah! budgetary restrictions, even though we had nearly £2 mil-lion to play with. (True, Independence Day had a budget 30 or 40 times the size, but then I only wanted small spacecraft.) I understand that screenwriters Richard Curtis (Four Weddings and a Fu-neral) and John Hodge (Trainspotting) had the same difficulty, and as a predictable consequence both films dismally failed to capture the

public's imagination. If anyone says anything sil-lier in Blackpool, you wouldn't want to hear it, one can only hope, for Mr Blair's sake, that his other colleagues show a better grasp of contemporary economic realities than the hapless Dr Howells. Nick Hornby. c/o Peters Fraser and Dunlop,

508 The Chambers, Cheisea Harbour, London SW10 0XF.

#### Bad language

URTHER to your correspondence on modern bollocks-speak (Letters, October 2), don't forget these classics: • You phone the Red Lion and are told: 'Thank you for calling the Crowne Red Lion Panoramic Plaza; Tracy speakin', how may I help yeu You are relaxing at home after a hard day's work when Jason phones, saying it's "just a courtesy call" to tell you his double-glazing men are in the area. Julie Harrison. 49 Molewood Road

Hertford SG14 3AQ. Please include a full postal address, even on e-mailed letters, and a telephone number.

fact that the cat would simply

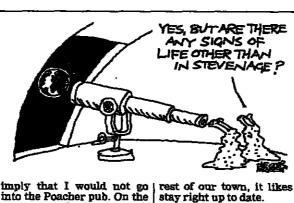
#### A Country Diary

STRATHNAIRN: Tibbles s she came to be called was probably dumped in the strath and we saw the cat for the first time in the autumn of last year. At first she would not come for food although she regularly visited the gar-den where she ignored all the poultry and, as far as we could see, the wild birds. How she managed to survive last winter is a mystery as, in January, temperatures dropped to minus 26 degrees. Then a few months go she started to visit the garden more and more nonchalently, ignoring the five miniature dachshunds when they went walkabout. Then a few weeks ago she started coming for food when her name was called but she would not come too close. Tibbles always left the garden in the same direction and then we saw her three kittens in woodland half a mile away. The tiny kittens were so young they were unlikely to survive as, despite being mid-September, some nights the temperature had already dropped to minus 5

degrees. There was also the

carry on having more kittens. Following consultation with the RSPCA and the Cat Rescue we decided to trap Tibbles and a piece of quail meat enticed her into a humane trap and she was then placed in my study. It took half an hour to find the kittens because, although the first one was asleep in long grass, the other two were four feet down a rabbit hole. They were soon reunited with their mother. The first thing Tibbles did was to clean up the kittens and, to our amazement, all three were pure white. She then introduced them to the dirt box and they have used it ever since. Homes will have to be found for all three kittens and then Tibbles will be taken to the vet for an operation. After that, if she wants to come in, so be it, as she can join our four other cats. As I write this, Tibbles is trying to get some sleep but with three kittens bouncing around the room she has lit-

RAY COLLIER



into the Poacher pub. On the Community Centre, where they hold Labour Party meetings, I must have been in there 20 times.

contrary, as it happens to be next door to the Bedwell

Barbara Follett. (Labour PPC, Stevenage.) c/o 4 Popple Way, Stevenz Herts SG1 3TG.

paying our way in the world

will be the winners?

They have recently renovated the Poachers. Like the ones are more likely to appear New vows, new covenant, new vacuity

ONY Blair's speech con-tained countless comas the Cinderella of the educa tion service.

fortunately his method of We bring opportunities to the under-25s who did not achieve their potential in schools. If ending youth unemployment is to be a via our emergence as a "skills superpower", is really fust clutching at straws. Isn't it obvious that in a world of ever lower trade barriers, it national priority, further edu-cation must be adequately will be the motivated, welleducated, yet significantly lower-paid competitors who funded in order to provide the necessary high-quality education and training. Yet there is a way out, and Barbara Boyce. it lies in Tony Blair's vow to (PPC, Harrogate and 'build a new relationship in Knaresborough Europe." The EU is a power-179 Wickersley Road,

ful block of more than 250 million consumers and savers which could face down the destructive juggernaut of global-isation. A Labour govern-ment could, by linking up with socialist parties throughout Europe, take on the transnational companies and international financiers. Colin Hines.

11 Park House Gardens, East Twickenham, Middlesex TW1 2DF

Rationalist Press Association, 89 Islington High Street, London N1 8EW. WELVE-foot-high image: of Tony Blair, red banners cascading round the conference-hall balcony, a "new social order", an "iron chan-HINKING people, even if they are atheists, know well that concern for others cellor", and talk of preparing was powerfully reinforced in for "a thousand years". I our culture by Christianity know Labour has moved to and Judaism, and attempts to the right, but this is express this concern in ridiculous simple, powerful language will inevitably draw on the Dan Falchikov. Warwick House, Acre Road, Kingston KT2. language of religion. To do so

is appropriate in a way that Tory invocations of God AM a prospective Labour Party Parliamentary Candiwhile preaching a selfish indate who should be in Blackpool with my colleagues this week. Unfortunately, there Tony, please don't forget us

South Yorkshire \$60 4JP.

HE cant for which Tony Blair was cheered to the rafters was that his party would magically make state education so good that middle-class parents would flock to it in droves and abandon divisive private schools. The only way that state

schools will ever get that much better is to put the horse back in front of the cart. If 95 per cent of those parents currently opting out of state education were forced by progressively more and more punitive taxation of public schools to use state education, we would see a genuine leap in our stateschool system. Simon Gardner. 18 New Street. Cheddington, Beds LU7 0RL.

NOTE that in his speech, no adoubt through time limita-tions, Blair did omit support for the Flat Earth Society. Derek V Gee. was no one else to do my job. 32 Richmond Road, I teach in a college of further Rugby, Warws CV21 3AB.

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Diary

Matthew Norman

N Blackpool, a fierce battle has been waged be tween Labour, Old and

New. At a cable-company

a young man stumbled towards them, knocked

reception on Monday, some Scottish MPs — not modern

isers -- were chatting when

three glasses of red wine on to the carpet and sat in the puddle. "Who the f\*\*\* are

ou?" he said to someone

politely suggesting he stand up, and when Paisley North MP Irene Adams inter-

vened, he looked at her badge and intoned: "It's

people like me who get

people like you elected."
"But who are you?" she

asked. 'Tm staff, that's all

you need to know," he said

make the policy to get you

Draper! Sensing a commo-tion, Glasgow MP Jimmy

bench boxing committee.

Wray, chairman of the back-

wandered over — and it was then that Dolly made his

mistake. "The working class doesn't give a f\*\*\* for

people like you," he said,

upon which Mr Wray, widely known as "king of

the Gorbals", shook him warmly (not by the hand).

Only when well-wishers

had pulled Dolly clear did the fun conclude. "I didn't

sit on the floor — I might have knocked the wine on to a table," says a sober Dolly. "It's all been exaggerated."

EGAL problems may

Blair's rousing confer-

yet haunt Mr Tony

ence speech. His witty adap-

tation of Euro 96 anthem

Three Lions ("Seventeen years of hurt/ never

Labour's coming home'')

Martin Rowson put the line

"Football's buggered off" in a Guardian cartoon in June,

Chrysalis records claimed

Chrysalis yesterday denied

giving Mr Blair consent, and said they planned to study the speech closely be-

HE appeal for facts

about Christopher Ec-cleston, the man whose fear of publicity

drove him into TV acting,

comes along well. We have learned that Mr Eccleston

lives in a Hampstead mews

teacher in Manchester told

him he wouldn't make it as

ton wins champagne for his fact . . . that his interview

with the actor, in which he

refused to state his father's

job, appeared not in the In-dependent but the Times.

Thunderer avoiding the lure of self-importance.

Senior executives and Euro-

PEAKING of which, it

is good to see the old

an actor because his nose was too big. Robert Cramp-

house and that his drama

fore deciding what to do.

breach of copyright (they

settled for three signed

copies of the cartoon).

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(have you got it yet?). "I

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pean experts were sum-moned to a "think tank" last week by editor Peter Stothard, who explained that its purpose was to find a plan to derail European Monetary Union. After Pina. much sucking of pencils, the sole masterplan to emerge was a batty scheme to encourage a Labour gov-

ernment to ruin KMU by insisting on impossibly tough convergence rules. An article to this effect duly appeared on Saturday under the byline of George Brock. It's not much, but who trees, and all that rot. ■ N the Mail on Sunday that sweet-natured old soul John Junor has been considering the behaviour of Chris Evans, who he says has "limited talent". A

fortnight ago, it was Liam Gallagher whom Sir John (writing, as always, only after copious research) dismissed as having "minimal talent". Sir John wasn't answering the phone yester-day (he was at a Kula Shaker recording session, apparently, on percussion), but we hope to confirm his shock move to the Melody **BSERVED** in Black-

Maker very soon. pool yesterday was a touching cameo, as a round man approached the Observer's Andrew Rawnsley outside the Imperial Hotel, and began to ramble effusively about how won-derful the Guardian is. Mr Rawnsley accepted the praise with good grace, before asking what the man so admired. "I'm the Labour candidate for Tatton," he explained. "Neil Hamilton's



# Elections are still the plained how, in those circumstances, a six-week campaign could be conducted without of fering an overwhelming in the constances of the conduction of t basis of democracy

#### Commentary

#### Hugo Young

HERE is a cloud over the serenity at Blackpool. It consists, im-probably, of the Italian Budget, and its shape is larger than Tony Blair's triumphant hand. Italy has announced a huge cut in its planned fiscal deficit. Spain is taking a simi-lar track. The Mediterraneans, and not just the northerners, are getting ready to scramble into the single currency. The EMU project is becoming less abstract and more inclusive. The alibis for the next British government are narrowing. Among the many grand anticipations of power to be heard here, this is by far the least

comfortable. An Italian pledge is not an Italian achievement. They may not make it, even with creative accountancy. "Quali-fying" under the Maastricht criteria is a slippery concept. The manoeuvring in Germany, where the real terms will be decided, is far from resolved. But the signals are becoming less ambiguous. The political will behind the cur-

rency plan is crowding out the ! The case for his indecision is economic hazards it entails. Instead of being able to bet on some kind of equal stand-off between ins and outs, a British policy biased in favour of selfexclusion looks more likely to be enjoyed in dangerous

this? Partly by wishful eva-sion. Robin Cook pleased the party by speaking of the need to fit the currency regime into the real economy and not just a bankers' ramp. An employ ment criterion, to be added to the fiscal and monetary crite ria, is the easy and obvious as piration of the left, and has be-come the test any Labour speaker on this subject has to pass. But Mr Cook is careful with words. Although he talks about employment, he says it must be an "objective" not a criterion. And so say all of us. We helpfully learn that tam-pering with Maastricht is neither a realistic nor a desired pre-condition of Labour's ap-

proach to EMU. The leadership is in a complex box. Let us leave aside the party politics. These cannot be ignored, because a core of MPs. always likely to oppose EMU at any price. But assuming Mr Blair could handle them, and wanted to keep strenuously open Britain's chance of joining the enterprise that now seems more likely to embrace a majority not a minority of EU members,

he faces serious constraints.

the same as for Kenneth Clarke's. We can be certain that up to and beyond the election, the crucial components of a decision will remain un-available. Who will join, on what terms, under what invi-gilatory regime, at exactly what date: all this will stay un-How is Labour addressing answered even as the general momentum carries the project

> national prudence, not merely party tactics, the case against any final commitment is strong. Another layer of doubt envelops the matter of consent. Mr Blair said in his speech: "Any change will only come with the full consent of the people." He carefully repeats that this could be tested by either a referendum or an election. He therefore does not agree, yet, that the single cur-rency decision is so over-whelmingly momentous that the only proper legitimation can come through putting the specific question to the nation. This is a prudent caveat: a bold and necessary rejection, thus far, of the Tory hysteria

> > to make that promise last A referendum presents problems of a technical as well as political nature. The assumption is that it would be held after the shape of the EMU proposition had been finalised, and a decision on sterling was awaited. Nobody has yet ex- the Government a mandate to

which pushed the Government

ducement to all holders of ster-ling to hedge themselves against a No vote and get out of the currency before it is established as an incurably weak sister of the Euro. Unless the Tories, it could find itself saddled with an mescapable pledge which comes close to being a guarantee that Britain stays out - owing to the awesome risks entailed in the very holding of the referendum While staying out of the first wave might make sense if the entrants were few, staying out of what turns out to be the next majority project of the de-veloped EU would have a disastrous impact on the

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national interest.

Two alternative possibilities are therefore being discussed. One is the holding of a Euro referendum soon after the election, using whatever pack

#### Staying out of the next project of the developed EU would have a

disastrous impact

age emerges from the Inter-Governmental Conference as a focal issue through which to establish the general public will on Britain's continuing membership of the EU. Such a referendum, properly handled, could be called to settle once and for all a question that has foreclosed any rational British foreign policy since the last election. It would canvass the single currency issue, but in the wider context of the EU's future. Instead of imperilling sterling after the EU had made its decision, it would confer on

called the General Election. Mr Blair's continual reminder that consent and mandate are what elections are about is a commendable message to those who decry the quality of modern democracy. Have we given up on them as the key legitimiser of the bigges At the moment, most Labour people I speak to think a referendum must happen, though not necessarily be con fined to the currency question

The hard-headed case says that in case the single currency is a failure, which it might be, then any sensible government will arrange that the people rather than the ministers take responsibility. I think that is a better, if dread fully pessimistic, argument than the more common case, which is based on political timidity. If the Tories are standing against Europe, Labour, they say, must give as small an impression as it can get away with that it is doing anything different.

But Labour's true and ex-plicit position is that it will join a single currency, pro-vided the circumstances are right. Neither Tony Blair nor any other leader has voiced an objection in principle. That is already a different stance from the Tories', whose indecision. while kept alive by Ken Clarke, is heavily loaded in the opposite direction. It remains open to Labour to underline that difference with fearless clarity, facing down the tabloid and Tory blackmail which in any case seems ever less capable of shifting electoral opinion. A manifesto commitment to take sterling into EMU provided certain conditions had been met would supply the test of con-sent which the referendum-

mongers are actually hoping

will not be made.

# This document damns China over Tibet



Isabel Hilton

T WAS National Day in the People's Republic of China this week, the annual cele-bration of nearly five decades of achievement under the wise eadership of the Communist Party. Nationalism was the theme: thousands of people attended a dawn flag-raising ceremony in Tiananmen Square, and a People's Daily editorial underscored, for those who had missed it, the

nessage of the moment.
"Nationalism . . . can bring into full play the potential of all nationalities. [It] is the most effective way of cementing the strength of all nation alities... to create great undertakings that will shake heaven and earth," it said. The People's Daily published a front-page colour photograph of the eight-year-old child whom the Chinese government have imposed upon Tibet as the reincarnation of the Panchen Lama, Tibet's second-highest religious au-thority. The boy chosen by the

Dalai Lama, the Tibetans' spiritual leader, has vanished. Beijing was trumpeting its achievements, but Tibet is suffering another wave of politi-cal persecution as the government seeks to prise loose the people's devotion to their absent Dalai Lama. The Chinese say that the late 10th Panche Lama, who died in 1989, and his Party-sanctioned reincarnation are supporters of the Chinese Communist Party and the Chinese occupation of Tibet, while the Dalai Lama is a traitor to Tibet and, even less plausibly, to his religion. The fitting leader for Tibet, the message runs, is therefore the Panchen Lama.

But a document that has emained secret for more than 30 years and which has now come out of China reveals what the late Panchen Lama really thought of the fate of his compatriots under the Chinese. It is one of the longest, most detailed and most bitter descriptions ever written about the devastation resulting from Chinese policies.

"In many parts of Tibet." he wrote, "people have starved to death. In some places, whole families have perished and the death rate is very high. This is broken lives they caused. very abnormal, horrible and grave. In the past, Tibet lived with a dark, barbaric feudalism, but there was never such shortage of food."
The document is a 70,000-

word letter the late Panchen Lama wrote to Chairman Mao

in 1962 in a desperate attempt

to persuade Mao to modify the nolicies that threatened to ex-

habits are taken away," he wrote, "then a people will vanish ... How can we guarantee that Tibetans will not be turned into another race?"
The Panchen Lama was born in the north-west prov-ince of Qinghai, as was the present Dalai Lama. After their victory in 1949 the Chi-nese divided Tibet: one third they named the Tibet Autonomous Region and promised it would enjoy an earlier version of the "one country, two sys-tems" style of government that is now promised to Hong Kong. The rest was divided between several Chinese provinces, including Qinghai. The Chinese agreed not to "reform" the Tibet Autono-

ture. "If language, clothes and

mous Region, but no such restraints applied to the rest. Qinghai has never recovered from what was done to it and its peoples in the 50s: nomads were forcibly settled on the high plateau with its thin soil. The result was mass starvation and desertification. Monasteries were destroyed and the monks and nuns forced out. Rebellion followed, and was savagely put down; thousands died in the Labour camps. It was the time Mao declared that China could catch the West up in 15 years, if only his magic prescriptions were followed. Some in the Communist Party hierarchy grew worried and tried to restrain Mao and reverse his policies. They encouraged the young Panchen Lama, until then an admirer of the Chinese leadership, to write his report, hoping to use it against Mao. After a long investigation, and over the protesting heads of close advisers, the

Panchen Lama went ahead.

UT Mao won the inner party battle and the Panchen Lama paid for his temerity with more than a decade and a half of prison. Even today the Chinese government continues to hide the truth about that era: millions throughout China died of starvation, but for decades it has been blamed on "natural disaster". And just as today the Beijing leadership claims that Tibet enjoys religious freedom, they also pretend that Tibet's rich religious culture was decimated in the Cultural Revolution, now pronounced one of Mao's "mistakes", rather than in the late 50s and early 60s. That period has not been judged a "mistake" because that judgment would stand as a condemnation of Deng Xiaoping and the others who share the responsibility

The Chinese government claimed that the late Panchen Lama "loved the party", but as the document reveals, after only a decade of Chinese rule the Panchen Lama was bitterly disillusioned. It is more than 30 years since his report. Tibetans are still being arrested, tortured and perse-cuted for their beliefs. And in inguish a people and its cul- Beijing, the band plays on.

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# Cleaning up the sleaze

**David Alton** is appalled by Parliament's inept attempts so far to clean the stables — but warns that in the end we get

N THE 1970s manage might question whether this ment trainees were was simply an exercise in disshown a training film, Meetings. Bloody Meetings. John Cleese paro-died the ineffectual and relentless rounds of meetings into which we are all so easily sucked. In politics, the meeting is an occupational hazard and an extremely easy way to obfuscate. Rather than act, what better course of action than to convene a series of meetings or to set up a com-mittee of inquiry? The more controversial the issue, the

grander the committee. For the best part of two years, Parliament's senior committee, the House of Commons Committee of Privileges, inquired into the cash-for questions scandal. At the end of its deliberations, held in camera, it wound itself up and passed all its papers to the Parliamentary Commis-sioner for Standards, Sir Gordon Downey. It did so having deleted large sections of the public record. It then declared itself incompetent, in terms of the strict parliamentary resolution which established it, to investigate the range of allegations laid before it during the course of its inquiry. Obsession with trivia - cod faxes, the use of House of Commons letterpaper and the confidence. like — occupied most of the committee's time. The min-sleazy state is as old as the with a lobbyist is the same as committees time. The mine state of power, having a financial relation. It is intolerable that investi- Fayed investigation

the public service we deserve

iraction.
I dissented from the committee's report because we failed to discharge our duty to Parliament and to lay finally to rest the ghost of improper financial involvement. More importantly, we had nothing to say about the causes of financial sleaze or about political ethics.

Thoreau once observed that

if you cut down all the trees

None of us in politics belongs to the Communion of Saints: the man who never made a mistake, never made anything the birds to sing. So deep is the level of disenchantment with Parliament that we are in danger of stripping the for-est bare. None of us in politics belongs to the Communion of Saints. The man who never made a mistake never made anything. But the public has a right to expect MPs to deliver a system that guarantees financial rectitude and transparency. The extraordinary thing is that after Nolan and the endless committee hearings, we are still some way from re-establishing public

personal aggrandisement and the protection of privilege. We have passed through a decade in which unbridled individing the registered before it ualism has been cultivated, while rapacious competitive-

ness has been encouraged as good business practice.
As Government has promoted this at the expense of an ethic of public service, so the values of the financial jungle have become the civic values of our own time. The real tragedy is that most politicians do not regard such bates. The same standards amorality as corrupt or have any understanding of the extent of public cynicism. As with all the financial penalthis cynicism reaches new ties for dishonesty that go depths it is time for a new with them.

civic reckoning. Tolerance of At every a corrupt system is the great-est danger to this process. In Parliament we must face

being paid £12,000 a year for a

consultancy which may in-

accepting £1,000 for tabling a

rules are contradictory.

volve tabling questions, and

Ambiguities and vague ref-

erences in the Register of

longer tolerable. It is palpable

nonsense to suggest, as Neil

Hamilton has done, that hav-

becomes operative, but new interests or changes should also be printed on the front page of the Order Paper for all to see. MPs just do not have the time to monitor the register on a daily basis.

declare their interests and to withdraw from relevant de-

In local government, Parlia-

ment requires councillors to

connection between politics and vested interests, and At every election, candi-dates distribute an election sea Football Club in anticipa-tion of where the next millionaddress, free of charge, courpound political donation will tesy of the Post Office. It the contradiction of the rules | should be mandatory to in-

large financial interests will

Parliament itself will want

to reserve the right to deal

rules. But the Committee on

Members Interests and Privi-

leges and the Parliamentary

have left to serve them.

one-off question. Today's with MPs who breach its

Subsidiarity and the redisthere will be nowhere left for | which forbid MPs from ac | clude on this address a declatribution of power to the local-ities could undercut the quan-gos — and the recipients of political patronage who populate them. Ministers currently have within their gift some 40,000 quango appointments, many of them salaried. Where cepting money for tabling par-liamentary questions but allow them to collect political consultancies so In. quangos are unavoidable, the Public Accounts Committee could be given wide-ranging powers, closer to the Congresare registered. There is no might also reflect on the moral difference between amount of time an MP with sional model, to vet appoint-

gations currently take months

on end without any sense of urgency; that the buck is

passed from committee to

committee, with some MPs

who are themselves in receipt

of retainers appointed as par-

liamentary policemen.
MPs seem to have no under-

standing of the public percep-

tion that we are all on the make, with our snouts in the

trough Both our voting sys-

tem and the funding of parties

provide temptations. State

funding of political parties could remove the insidious

relieve us all of the obligation

to follow the fortunes of Chel-

ments and investigate financial detail. But ultimately it is only the public will for an honest politics, and public outrage at political sleaze, that can guarantee improvement. Democracies get the politicians they deserve and the ethics they

Members' Interests are no Ombudsman have yet to demonstrate that they have the David Alton, Liberal Democrat MP resolve or the powers required to put an end to what for Mossley Hill, was a member of John Major rightly described an a "hiring fair". the House of Commons Committee

vote for.

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# Riding tigers in Quebec

bas died aged 63, concessions and wily political manoeuvring to thwart outright separatists in the prov-ince but failed to quench smouldering nationalist fires.

Twice premier, from 1970 to 1976 and from 1985 until 1994, Bourassa faced two of the worst crises to beset modern Quebec and left a patchwork legacy that includes the much-reviled language laws and the massive northern pour power into the north-eastern United States.

Widely regarded by Canadians outside Quebec as a closet separatist, Bourassa made ambiguity into a political act, espousing neither the federalist status quo nor Quebec separation while trying to assuage Francophone nationalist sentiments by creating a nation within a state. In that, he reflected the mixed emotions of many Quebecers, torn between a sense of national destiny and the security of the Canadian umbrella.

Canada's Liberal prime minister Jean Chretien paid while conceding that the two often differed sharply over how to address Quebec's demands. "We didn't always agree. That's politics," said Chrétien. "But this isn't the time to dredge up political quarrels. I think we should pay homage to a man who gave his life to the public service, a good worker, who always sought solutions to the problems facing him."

Soon after Bourassa be-came leader of the provincial Liberal Party in 1970, and Quebec's youngest ever premier at 36, Quebec was olunged into the "October crisis", when a small group of Front de Liberation du British trade commissioner James Cross and Pierre Laporte, a Liberal cabinet minister. Laporte was murdered. Cross was eventually freed Minister Pierre Trudeau. claiming Quebec faced an "Insurrection" imposed the War Measures Act, suspended civil liberties and deployed thousands of troops across

In the aftermath of the Oc-

S PREMIER of arrested in the province, was Quebec Robert accused of cowardice and of being Trudeau's lap dog. Two decades later Bourassa was hailed for his courage and steady nerve when an In-dian land claims crisis turned

caded themselves into a compound at Oka, near Montreal. Again the army was deployed in force but despite a tense. summer-long siege. Bourassa managed to avod a bloodbath and the crisis was resolved Oka also was a brutal test of

his personal priorities. A sunlover who spent long vacations in Florida and, when it was warm enough, would pore over official documents on the roof of his Quebec City office, Bourassa had been diagnosed with malignant melanoma just before the Oka crisis began but, against his doctor's advice, postponed treatment for months until it

Later he would explain that "any soldier who goes into battle does so at the peril of his own life and that applies to a head of state." Yet while no one doubted his personal courage, few saw Bourassa as either a soldier or a head of state. His public persona was stiff, almost wooden, especially when he was speaking English, and his ambiguous shifting to deal with the irreconcilable demands of a prov aratists and federalists satisfied neither.

Quebec's large Englishspeaking minority and most of its immigrant population never forgave him for Bill 22, the first of the controversial language laws which made French the only official language in Quebec and severely restricted access to English schools. At the same time the law infuriated the Frenchspeaking majority, which felt it didn't do enough to protect and promote the French Bill 22, in the words of one

of his own backbenchers. made Bourassa "the most hated man in Quebec" and led feat in 1976 at the hands of the separatist Parti Quebecois. Bourassa quit, his political career seemed finished and he left Canada in a self-imposed exile to teach in the US. He also spent time in Brussels, studying the then Eurotober crisis, Bourassa, who pean Community and its had allowed hundreds to be emerging notions of a loose



Middle man . . . Robert Bourassa struggled with conflicting forces

federalist superstructure encompassing its member states. That would later give rise to perhaps incautious public musings about a similar reshaping of Canadian fed-eralism, a view strikingly similar to that held by Lucien Bouchard, the current Parti Quebecois premier of Quebec. Bourassa briefly resurfaced

during the first Quebec refer-endum in 1980, when the separatists were soundly defeated. But it was not until three years later that he made a stunning political comeback elected again as provincial Liberal leader. Two years later the Liberals were back in power. Bourassa, who had been telling friends since he lower middle class neighbourhood in Montreal's east end that he would be premier, had managed it twice.

The ever-present conun-drum remained. This was of balancing nationalist sentiments in Quebec while keeping the province within Can-ada, and coping with the

economic fallout caused by uncertainty over its future political shape. But this time Bourassa was more cautious. "I have more maturity to face problems." he said. "When you're entering poli-

tics at 51, it's not like entering

politics at 32." But language-politics, ever intertwined in Quebec. were soon to haunt him again. In 1988, the Canadian Supreme Court ruled the French-only provisions of Quebec's laws were unconstitutional. The lecision was to lead to Bourassa's most convoluted

He brought in new legislation that retained Frenchonly signs outside but lingual signs indoors; in an attempt to preserve the 'French face" of Quebec ing the demands of the English-speaking minority. But the hybrid left a bitter taste in the mouths of both

Anglophones and Franco-

founding a civil liberties

organisation, People for the American Way, Frances felt

wrote about how a woman in

Hollywood is a non-person

"unless she is under 21, pow-erful, or a star." Being a

Hollywood wife was to be in-

in Canada which helped to doom the Meech Lake constitutional accord which had been designed to finally end the "Quebec issue" by giving the province special powers within Canada

In the end Bourassa, who had struggled for decades to within Quebec with complex compromises often infused with deliberate vagueness, failed to satisfy either the sep aratists or the federalists.

Last year, after he had left politics for the final time, the Parti Quebecois came within a hair of winning a second referendum on separation. Bouchard promises there will e another and the likelihood of the eventual breakup of Canada looms even larger today than when Bourassa first faced its challenges more than a quarter century ago.

Paul Koring

Robert Bourassa, politician, born phones and ultimately pro- July 14, 1933; died October 2, 1996

#### Pat McGeown

# Child of the Troubles who grew into politics

"HE DEATH of Sinn | 14 At 16 he was interned for | ten to the other side," said McGeown at the age of 40 arguably brings the number of Provisional Irish Republican Army volunteers who died as a result of the 1981 hunger strike to 11. The damage caused to his health by 42 days without food resulted in heart disease which finally caught up with

him.
The 1981 hunger strikes were organised by Republican prisoners campaigning for 'political' status. They were a turning point for the Provisionals, because the action showed the organisation that a political move-ment could be built which might replace the futile goal of removing the British state from Ireland by force. But it was a lesson taught at a terri-ble cost to individuals and

McGeown, who was serving a 15-year sentence for his part in one of many bombings of Belfast's Europa Hotel, had left instructions that if he lapsed into coma he was not to be removed from the hunger strike until his death. But the efforts of the civil rights campaigner Father Denis Faul to get the families to intervene and end the senseless deaths paid off.

On August 20 McGeown had lapsed into unconsciousness. His wife Pauline was at his bedside and recalled: "Pat took bad and started convulsing in pain. I could not bear the sight of him suffering so much and decided to call on medical supervision to relieve his agony." He was the last IRA man to venture so close to death through starvation, but the experience seriously damaged his health. On his 1985 release he in-

volved himself in the IRA's political wing and was elected Sinn Fein councillor for Lower Falls. He rose to lead Sinn Fein as the largest group on Belfast City Council and masterminded its success in the May 30 elections when the party gained its highest ever share of the vote, 15.5 per

Troubles, manning Falls Road barricades in west Belfast at the age of 10 and a member of the Fianna Eireann, the IRA's junior wing, at 13. By his 15th birthday he had already seen his first dead body, that of fellow Fianna member Gerard McAuley, who was shot dead as loyalists attacked the Clonard Street area. Pat's father Joseph at first thought that his son was the victim because they were so similarly dressed.

He was briefly imprisoned in the Irish Republic for explosives offences when he was

Fein councillor Pat 18 months and shortly after Attwood. "You could disagree McGeown at the age of his 1975 release came that with Pat but you could never final imprisonment. By the time of his 1985 release, apart from the hunger strike he had made an escape attempt and spent several years on the

> volunteers were plentiful among the young without a stake in society, McGeown told writer Liam Clarke 10 years ago. The massive influx of British troops and the resulting harassment "created an atmosphere of violence and the desire to fight back ... initially it's responsive." And, he added, "you don't need to go outside your area, you don't need to go outside a house to make a bomb. It's a fairly straightforward technical sort of

When he joined the IRA

As Sinn Fein Belfast council leader he managed to form strong friendships outside the Republican movement and even across the traditional religious divide. In spite of their diametrically opposed politics he became a good friend of Billy Hutchinson the Progressive Unionist Party talks delegate who served a senience for murder-ing a Catholic while a member of the Ulster Volunteer Force. To some the relation-ship proved that the working lasses of Belfast have more in common than what divides

The Social Democrat and abour Party councillor Alex Attwood was also close to McGeown. "At times he was dogmatic but he was, of all of believed in his politics.

Wotunnel 'de

shares

"I remember him pleading with unionists across the council chamber, 'tell me what it is that you want to be me your fears'. I think he was a point of contact for union

Shankill Road in October 1993, killing nine protestants and the bomber. Attwood remembers McGeown seeking you tell John Hume not to give up on us?"

As a close ally and friend of Gerry Adams, he worked intensively to bring about the September 1994 ceasefire Regarded as a touchstone by many politicians and journal sts in Belfast, he had the dis tinction of always calling the political situation right. Disappointed at the failure of the peace process to bring every body to talks, his most recent views were that another IRA ceasefire was not likely in the immediate future.

He married Pauline in 1975 and they have five children. He was found dead on Tuesday evening at his home in the New Lodge in north Belfast, having not been seen for several days. Bedevilled by ill-health since the hunger strike, his heart had finally

Patrick McGeown, politician



To the campaign . . . Pat McGeown

Frances Lear

# The feminist rebellion of a Hollywood wife

died aged 73, was a selfmade media entrepre-neur, writer, feminist, new media enthusiast, multi-millionaire and former Holly wood wife.

Petite, elegant and known for her gutsiness, her out-spokenness and her volatility, Lear launched herself into the media world in 1988, when she put \$25 million of her divorce settlement into starting up a magazine named afte herself. In a publishing world where women's magazines were run by men and filled with images of young models diets and man-catching tips Lear's was targeted at intelligent, affluent women over 40. Women who, as the maga zine's slogan put it, "weren' born yesterday.

Lear's enormous wealth estimated at between \$100 and \$112 million — was the result | she made the first of three



Stormy . . . Frances Lear

after 28 years of marriage to Hollywood magnate, Norman Lear. He was the third of Frances's husbands: the first two marriages were short-lived. When her second husband was unfaithful to her

three weeks in a psychiatric hospital. In later years she spoke candidly about her bouts of manic depression. In an autobiography, The Second Seduction, she also wrote about being sexually abused by her stepfather from the age of 12, her alcoholism and drug taking. Her magazine published hard-hitting features on issues such as incest and domestic violence, several with personal accounts written by berself.

Lear in 1956, Frances had al-ready tried a number of jobs She willingly gave up a post as a department store sportswear buyer to move with Lear to California, where she stayed home and raised two daughters. But as he became more suc-

visible, Lear felt, and that was something she was determined not to be. When she realised that, as she put it. "we had become he", she de-When she met Norman cided to leave the marriage. During the six years that she masterminded Lear's, cir-culation doubled from its initial 250,000. But her temperamental nature, her autocratic style and fast-changing stable of editors and writers remained much criticised in

cessful through the 1970s, ac- | Miller. Lear's final editor-in-

suicide attempts and spent | quiring a movie studio and | chief, described working with | Organisation for Women to Lear as "always an adventure - stormy but worth it." writing towards helping

Lear's ceased publication in herself increasingly over-shadowed. In a New York Times article in 1981, she had lost interest. By then she March 1994, largely because, was making videos for women, geared to subjects like legal rights and personal finance. She also wrote Frances Lear's Guide to Work and Family in the 21st Cen-tury, which is still awaiting

She often said that the second half of her life was far better than the first, and she spoke freely and proudly about her colourful love-life, especially, late in her life, about a succession of much younger lovers. But her most consistent passion was feminism. In the 1970s, she worked for

Democratic candidates with feminist platforms, in the early 1980s for the National | dled September 30, 1996

pass the Equal Rights Amendment, and she directed her

women make positive changes in their lives.
"Victimisation had always been my identity. The change came with the women's move ment — it changed my life." she told the Guardian in 1992. "It occurred to me in the 1970s that I didn't have to be unhappy. I could find my own voice and live my own life . . . The women's movement, in all women throughout the world." She leaned towards her younger interviewer and added, "You are living my leg-acy. How dare you not appreci-

Sue Woodman Frances Lear, born July 14, 1923;

#### **Birthdays**

Sir Stephen Brown, Presi-

dent of the Family Division. 72; Christopher Bruce, dancer and choreographer, 51; Chubby Checker, rock singer, 55; Lord Denham, former Conservative Whip, House of Lords, 69: Roger Ellis, former Master of Marlborough College, 66; Sir Ter-ence English, cardiothoracic surgeon, master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 64; Prof Philippa Foot, philoso-pher, 76; Neale Fraser, former tennis player, 63; Garry Herbert, rower, 27; Sir Roger Hervey, ambassador to Mexico, 62, Lord Knights, ormer chief constable, West Midlands, 76; Ruggero Raitime, will change the lives of mondi, operatic bass, 55; Sir Shridath (Sonny) Ramphal QC, former Commonwealth secretary-general, 68; Tim Melville-Ross, director-gen-eral, Institute of Directors, 52; Steve Reich, composer, 60; John Suthern, jockey, 44; Gore Vidal, author, 71; Judge Monique Viner, QC, 70; Ğeorge Wein, jazz musi

#### **Death Notices**

will sold wirral Lee 716. Tel. 0151 6775057. Will sold wire a long fight against cancer. Beloved wife of Hugh. proud mother of Sarah, Sizz-beth and Michael, deer daughter of Tom Heaney, and generous triend in many. Also late Bournville College and CCETSW. The lumenal will take place at Otion Priary, St. Bernards Road, Solfhull on Monday 7th October at 200m. Donastore in tieu of Monera in the Cancer Relief MacMillan Fund dro Mrs. J. Lewit-Dunn. Charmerood, 25a The Crescent, Solihull. 891 TuR.

#### Births

god of avoiding the issue.

#### Jackdaw



#### **New balls**

A NORTH American firm has turned a pet project into com-mercial reality by developing plastic replacement testicles

for neutered dogs. Called Neuticles, the jelly bean shaped devices are implanted into a dog's scrotum in a two minute procedure immediately following removal of the natural devices. They come in five sizes which, apparently, span the market from Great Dane

down to Chihuahua. The product has sold so well in the US and Canada since it's launch in March that the manufacturer is now considering a blitz in the dog

loving UK. A news agency report quotes the US Humane Society as saying: "If it's going to encourage owners to have their dogs neutered, Taken from the Plastics and Rubber Weekly. Thanks to Dr Mark Clemens.

#### Fire escape

DON'T DROP THE CIGA-RETTE ENDS IN THE WASTE PAPER BASKETS OR SOMEWHERE ELSE AND VERIFY THE THING THE WHOLE TIME OF YOUR LIVING IN THE HOTEL. IT IS OF GREAT UTILTY FOR US THE OPER ATIVE AND PROMPT AN-NOUNCING ANY FIRE BEG GINNING OBSERVED IN THE NEARNESS. From the instructions of what to do in case of fire in a hotel bedroom in Bucharest, spotted

## Birth thangs

IT IS a common narcissistic fantasy to believe that the world as we know it started with our own birth, and that

prior to our appearance all was darkness and antiquity. My particular generation located at the heart of the baby-boomers, roughly midway between President

Clinton and Madonna - has taken this tendency to an extreme. We would be likely to believe that no one before us had argued for school desegregation, worried about the apolitical masses, lived in split-level houses, used deplane.) automated tools, got sick because of mislabelling, got

well because of tetracycline, slept on Posturepedic heds. favoured clitoral sex. laughed at Scientology, mocked Interpol, complained about wolf-whistles, turned from the vomitous rubberiness of US cooking to the splendeurs et misères of tapenade, consumed hallucogenic drugs, taken over multi-use college buildings to protest unjust wars, or elsewhere indulge in

a widespread habit of loud

public gabbiness. Wendy Lesser broods on the

the psychological in the

London Review of Books

conversion of the personal into

#### Fear of flying

media circles. Caroline

IF YOU are a "nervous flier," immediately swallow enough Valium to induce hibernation in a polar bear. (Be sure to attach somewhere to your person a highly visible note indicating your final destination, contact numbers, blood type, etc, in the event that they cannot revive you when it is time to If you are susceptible to

motion sickness, colour-coordinate your clothing with the meal you ate beforehand. To take your mind off the fact that it now looks as though the pilot will have to go through the thunderstorm. close your eyes and try to imagine that you are Charles Lindbergh and that this is the you will land at Le Bourget field and be carried off by hordes of adoring French people shouting nice things about America. (Far fetched admittedly)

Christopher Buckley explores

the joys of small planes and major traumas for the New

#### Very small talk

Models: "Do you do mostly print or catwalk?" If she answers "print", express admiration. If she says "catwalk", express admiration. If she says showroom", express admiration. "Do you bave your head shot with you?" Her head shot is a photograph of her face. Look at it for a long time, then say: 'Nice commercial shot, but it doesn't capture vour tremendous presence." Deep! Farmers: "How's the weather

Firemen: "Are you a professional or a volunteer?"
"Tell me about some of the big Engineers: "What project are

you involved in now? "Project" is the key word here. This is the most effective question a layman can ask an engineer to get them talking. 'How would (name of his speciality) impact on my daily life?" Money people: "Are you

enthusiastic (depressed)

about the current market

#### Members of the clergy: For ministers: "What style of vorship do you use

cowboved most?" Computer nerds: "Do you have Windows?" Barmen: "How's business?" Crossword-puzzle enthusiasts: "Which books do you work on?" If he says the Times, give a gasp of awe. Men's Health giving advice on 'How to talk to anyone



Men's Health . . . chit-chat

about anything". They should have added on to the title of the article "and how to act a total

#### Dodgy deity

cian, impresario, 71.

THE FIRST winning entry was Taebreca, goddess of competitions, devised by Jennifer Howard of Bedford (who also gave Blacandecca, the god of household repairs and improvements; the Vimpii, gods of speed, presiding over road building and fast food; Toisrus, the god of childhood, and Lastordus, the dreaded spirit of sobriety).

The second winning entry was Optrex, the all seeing king of the Gods, devised by Tony Barnes of Tynemouth (Who also gave Mafia, the invisible god mother: Hypercostus, the god of overcharging, particularly for central heating installation; Quota, the Germanic goddess of trawl fishing, introduced under the Treaty of Rome — Pax Romana; Ambiguus, the god of manifesto writing and his consort Amnesia;

and referendus, the

Other deities that deserve a mention were Pilobricus, the god of modern art; Comepetita, the goddess of the ever hopeful. Cuspid, the Roman tooth fairy, and Lilo, the god of fugitives Suctonius, the god of puddings; Skoda and Lada, the goddesses of cheap chariots; Cariociae, the goddesses of embarrassment Dianisius, the god of royal lovers; Compilus, the god of

archaeological dictionaries. A book editor, who wished to remain anonymous. reported that Specius and Spurius, the twin gods of archaeological publishing, are still being worshipped. The results of the Devise a Deity competition in the Current Archaeology September issue. Thanks to Joseph Nicholas

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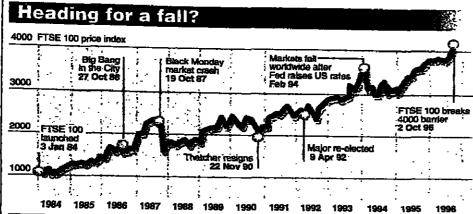
# Finance Guardian

# Shares break 4000 barrier Political driver

lan King HE FTSE-100, the index of leading shares, smashed through the 4000 barrier for the first time yesterday, amid continued optimism on corporate results and the continued strength of the economy. After breaking through 4000 in the first minute of trading, the Footsie finished 22.9 points up at 4.015.1, setting a new closing high for the second day running.

The new peak is the latest achieved by an increasingly confident stock market, which received a further boost last week when America's central bank, the Federal Reserve, unexpectedly decided not to raise interest

Equity strategists said that apart from the Fed's decision last week, the strong performance was due to the increasing attraction of shares in comparison to gilts, and to the continued good news com-ing from the corporate sector.



ber that year - and reached

bids — such as Granada's £3.9

billion assault on Forte and

3000 on August 11, 1993.

While some analysts said on March 4, 1987 — seven hey expected that the market months before the infamous they expected that the market could run as high as 4200 by the end of the year, others warned that share prices are now so high that a "correc-tion" — the City's euphemism for crash — looks inevitable. The Footsie, which is an index of shares in Britain's biggest 100 quoted companies, started life on January 3, 1984

Rentokil's £2.1 billion swoop on BET -- slipped back to the year's low of 3632 on July 16. at 1000. It broke through 2000 Since then, despite an absence of further takeover ac-tivity, it has risen sharply, **BULL MARKET...** following increasing evidence that the economy is strength-ening, consumer activity BULLS argue the market should continue rising for the rest picking up, and because the of the year, helped by the continuing flood of money to institutions, further good news from companies and a posible surge in takeover activity ahead of the election. continued low level of interest rates makes staying with cash an unattractive option Philip Wolstencroft, equity strategist at broker Merrill

> But the peak could provide further embarrassment for PDFM, one of the City's largest pension fund managers.

for institutional investors.

that it had retained almost 15 per cent of its funds under Black Monday crash of Octomanagement in cash, due to fears about a possible crash, and was therefore missing This year, the index opened at 3689.3, but after rising until April on the back of takeover

rallies in market history. Richard Jeffrey, an analyst at investment bank Charter-house Tilney, said the main reason for the market's strength was the amount of cash available to institutions

out on one of the strongest

like pension funds.
Philip Isherwood of Kleinwort Benson — one of the few market experts in January to forecast that the Footsie would break 4000 this year said: "Christmas has come early."

Strong company results were a key factor, he added. "Institutions are continuing to switch from cash to equities, and we think the market has further to go.'

#### Advisers' fees Advisers often get paid whether or not their party comes out on top and they hit £1bn mark as M&A mania mushrooms

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CITY advisers are set to rake in a record £1 billion-plus in fees this £1 billion-plus in fees this Forte came in at £170 mil-year as merger mania lion, around 4.4 per cent of sweeps corporate Britain, writes Sarah Whitebloom, According to figures

released yesterday by Acquisitions Monthly magazine, 1996 is on course to exceed heady days of the 1980s takeover boom. The value of mergers is forecast to come in at £70 billion for the full year — compared to £45 billion in 1989.

Charging £200-plus an hour, these advisers are on course to break the £1 billion barrier. Most of the fees go to investment bankers, the underwriters and the lawyers involved in a takeover — although PRs, brokers and other bit players have done nicely too.

get paid more, by way of a seven figure fee, if they are on the winning side.

A single large bid can send an adviser's income

soaring. It is believed that the bill for advice on Gra-nada's £3.9 billion bid for the value of the deal - par for the course

So far this year 1,239 deals have been done -many more are in the pipe line, with mergers taking weeks or months to put together — compared with 1,168 mergers in the first nine months of 1995.

Bonus payments across the M&A (mergers and ac-quisitions) industry are certain to follow this trend upwards — outstripping even last year's record

Christmas payments.

Top of the financial advisers pile for 1996 so far is NM Rothschild which has £8.5 billion-worth of bids

#### ...or BLOODBATH?

APART from PDFM's Tony Dye, whose fears about a pos-ible crash have led him to keep 15 per cent of his funds h cash, there are plenty of bears who argue that stocks are

They say that, aside from a likely US interest rate rise, the last quarter of the year tends to be nervous, with the closeness of the election adding tension.

One equity strategist said: "The market looks overstretched and I don't think the recent run can be

# Windfall guessing

# game for Norwich investors

HREE million Norwich Union policyholders are next year after the company said vesterday it is to become the first mutual insurer to seek a listing on the London

But policyholders must wait six months before they learn the size of their windfall because Norwich refuses to confirm estimates of £500 to

The flotation, expected to take place next June after an extraordinary general meet-ing in the spring, will put a value of between £4 billion-£4.5 billion on the restructured group, ending 200 years

ness from the mutual's life fund, insulating life insur-



Lynch, says: "My guess is that it will be around 4200 this

time next year. Once people have got the election behind them and interest rates have started rising, people may be

less sanguine but, for the moment, rates are staying where

stock market.

of mutuality. £1.8 billion of the capital raised will be used to buy out

the general insurance busiance policyholders from the volatility of the general insur-



Going public . . . after 200 years of mutuality in Surrey Street, Norwich. Below: how the Guardian broke the news in July

cial strength and show the hidden value of its overseas operations, which last year contributed 28 per cent of its

#### Norwich Union set to float

volatility of the general insurance business.

Allan Bridgewater, the group chief executive, said a stockmarket listing would also boost Norwich's finan
Norwich, one of the UK's biggest life insurers with would continue to concentrate on the development of its core businesses after flotation, and played down talk of life and pensions policyhold
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shares. Holders of motor, sions, annuities, term assur-household, other general poli-cies and health-care contracts will also receive a windfall. will be excluded

PHOTOGRAPH: SIMON HADLEY ers will qualify for free | tomers with individual pen-

To qualify for a hand-out, policies must have been in force at midnight last Tuesday and remain so until the extraordinary general meet-

# for robust market



Edited by Alex Brummer

FTER hovering just be low the 4000 mark for almost a month, the FTSE has finally overcome its inhisurge, following the pause earlier this year, there is some reality in the move but the immediate downside risk is that the authorities will have to move interest rates up to prevent overheat-

ing as the economy moves towards full production. Remarkably, two political factors are also fuelling the current rally. First, the sharp covergence of bond yields in continental Europe on the prospects for monetary union has driven UK government bonds higher and closed the gap between gilts and Ger-man bund yields. That has made equities more attractive vis a vis gilts, a trend which could continue should the UK edge towards monetary union as Tony Blair hinted in his conference speech.

The second contributory factor is Tony Blair himself. The successive speeches by Gor-don Brown and the Labour leader, with their focus on tight public spending controls and a low inflation strategy, have served to ease City fears about a Labour victory. While there is still certain to be a pre-election sell-off, as fund managers hold more cash, for the moment the dragons of the past have been slain.

No doubt fund managers like Tony Dye of UBS will again feel pressurised as the FTSE steams by. However, in current volatile market and political conditions the UBS cash cushion will be a great comforter to investors.

#### Mutual pressure

seek a quotation may seem routine. But it is far from that. The Norwich Union has unique reasons for wanting to change its status. Among the large mutual life companies it is the only one who's invest-ment portfolio has within it a general insurance company and overseas subsidiaries the former of which is particance cycle. By going public, and at the same time raising fresh capital, the life fund will be able to buy out the general vest the proceeds in a more traditional portfolio.

In the Norwich Union case, are globalising their opera-mutual status has also tions. The chances are that restricted the society's access to capital. As the company has grown in recent years, be-

the field of health care insurance and developing direct (and more recently Internet) selling services, it has had to rely on new life policyholders as the main source of capital. A public quotation will enable it to expand both in tradi-tional life and pensions services and into new products. As a company seeking new cash, in addition to rewarding life policyholders, the ulti-

mate owners of the company. Norwich Union will have a tougher task ahead than some of the other mutuals — nearly all building societies — coming to the market. It will need bitions and come robustly to demonstrate that its life business is holding its own in that the UK economy is on the verge of a further growth and is cost effective. Almost every conversion or financial merger is accompanied by promises of few or no lost jobs: almost all lead to redun-dancies as the shelter of mutual ownership is shed and there is greater focus on profits and dividends.

We know that Norwich Union's general insurance company made profits of £111 mil-lion last year but the profitability of the life busines remain an unknown quantity until a full Stock Exchange prospectus is distributed next spring. The society's decision to change status is entirely understandable: but even a £4.7 billion quoted vehicle could be vulnerable to takeover unless it performs.

#### Mini exodus

HERE were many brave pledges made by the German car company BMW when it bought Rover from British Aerospace three years ago. This week's decision to go to South America for engines for the new mini puts those promises into a more realistic perspective. Most immediately, the deci-

sion shows how determined BMW is to boost profits at Rover. Profit margins are notoriously thin on small cars. The \$500,000 joint venture engine plant with Chrysler will slash costs. It has the added virtue of applying pres on the Government to congine plant that Rover once built in the Midlands.

But the decision is a serious set-back for British engineer-VITH so many financial groups converting from mutual to plc status next spring, the decision by the Norwich Union to UK. Rovers' control over its own destiny has clearly been weakened. And BMW's readiness to go far afield to solve Rover's problems has been signaled.

But the South American solution also highlights the real-ity of the global marketplace. The Government talks much of inward investment and the UK's success in attracting it. these ebbs and flows of money and orders. The mini will be powered by an American-designed engine built in a South insurance company and re-in- American factory commissioned by a German company.
Ford and General Motors

more development and more manufacturing could go over-seas. And politicians can do coming an important force in | precious little about it.

more than a quarter of the

company's earnings for the

same period.

Mr Gates himself is profit-

ing from the company's

growth. Earlier this week

Forbes magazine crowned

him the richest man in Amer-

ica, with a net worth of \$18.5 billion.

The new employee stock or

tion figures were listed in Mi-crosoft's Securities and Ex-

change Commission filing

# Cabinet is split on rush to sell air traffic control revises profits

Rebecca Smithers, Keith Harper

HE Treasury is fighting a campaign to rush through the privatisation of the air traffic control service in the face of growing objections from senior ministers in other departments.
The Chancellor, Kenneth
Clarke, and Treasury col-

leagues had hoped to win cabinet approval for the sale, which could raise between £600 million and £1 billion abead of the election, in time for it to be unveiled at next week's Conservative Party

Conference
But their plans to push wick, near through a sale or a franchise through a sale or a deal without new legislation innee from both the Department of Transport and the Ministry of Defence, which fear that a sell-off could raise safety doubter. have run into fierce resis-

safety doubts.

Safety back-up to each other.

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Labour will do every thing we can to block this sell
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tary. Labour will do every thing we can to block this sellfought out in a cabinet sub- out before the CAA dares to off. Our air is not for sale."

committee, chaired by the Deputy Prime Minister, Michael Heseltine, who has previously supported the Transport Secretary, is under

The jewel in the sale of National Air Traffic Services (Nats) is the new state of the art £350 million control centre at Swenwick in Hampshire. Dogged by technical prob-lems, it is due to come on stream at the end of next year, nearly 12 months late. When it is up and running it

The first casualty of any sell-off would be plans to

build a second centre at Prestwick, near Glasgow, for The Civil Aviation Authority, which controls Nats and

Transport Secretary, is under considerable pressure to give his assent to the sale. But he is warning that it could com-promise Britain's excellent safety record. He also believes that there is insufficient parliamentary time before the election to squeeze it in. The MoD, spurred on by the Royal Air Force, is said to

When it is up and running it will eventually increase air space capacity over Britain to at least double what it is today by 2015. transport secretary, Andrew Smith, gave the Government

its strongest warning yet that Labour would block the pri-vatisation, winning him the biggest round of applause of his speech at Labour's party conference. Condemning it as the Tories' latest "crazy" privatisation scheme, he said: "Let

#### News in brief

# Mining company | British Airways and Ameri- | cent leap in interim profits

Butte Mining, embroiled in legal action for years to retrieve profits made by the previous owners of its Montana mines, has been forced to restate its accounts for the year to June 1995.

The Financial Reporting Review Panel, has required the company to issue new ac-counts which will show a loss of £628,000 rather than the original profit of £339,000, because profit on shares received by Butte but not resold at the balance sheet date should not have been included.

HTŤ seeks payment cut

Welsh television company HTV, which announced a 10 per cent interim profits rise to £6.7 million, has opened negotiations on reducing the £23 million a year it pays to the Treasury for its licence. It admitted, however, that it could become a target for takeover before licence by 7 per cent to an all-time renewals.

**BA report sent to Lang** The long delayed report by

can Airlines was sent to the Trade and Industry Secretary. lan Lang, yesterday, Industry sources suggested he would make up his mind on whether to refer it to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission next week, but might delay an announcement until after the Conservative party

MERCURY One 2 One, the

smallest of the British mobile phone operators, changed its name to just One 2 One, as part of a £10 million marketing campaign. The company is adding a free message service to its more recent tariff Bid for oil company

Cairn Energy, which is developing a gas field in Bangladesh, yesterday made an agreed A\$375 million (£190 million) bid for Australia's Command Petroleum, which has an oil field in the Bay of Bengal. Cairn shares jumped

Bank's record leap

A surge in lending over the the Office of Fair Trading into last six months helped the the proposed alliance between | Bank of Scotland to a 24 per | shares closed 4p lower at 412p.

At the pre-tax level, the bank turned in a record £324.3 million. The underlying loan level was up 14 per cent year on year — with mortgages and lending to manufacturers and service businesses partic-

ularly significant. Small firms' big costs Legal burdens on owner-man-

aged businesses have increased despite government attempts to cut red tape, according to research by Manchester Business School for the Forum of Private Busi-ness. A business with 15 employees and a turnover of £1 million could have £20,000a-year extra on employment costs to comply with tax, em-ployment and health and safety regulations, the report

#### **Great exhibition**

Blenheim, the conference and exhibition organiser, said its first half pre-tax profits had more than doubled from £15.2 million to £30.7 million. But the company insisted that an announcement on rumours that it is soon to announce an agreed bid from Reed Elsevier, would be made "when appropriate". The

## to keep staff The value of the options for the year ending June 30 is

HE value of stock op-

**Gates pays up** 

Mark Tran in New York

tions at software giant Microsoft has leapt by 39 per cent to \$570 million (£360 million) in the past year. It brings the total value of options granted over the past three years to \$1.34 billion. The rise will help Bill Gates' company to retain key staff, who had begun drifting away to Silicon Valley rivals prom-ising the more immediate rewards of sky-high salaries. The large increase reflects the sharp rise since the begin-ning of the year in Microsoft's

share price boosted by impressive growth by the sys-tems software group behind the Windows 95 and Windows NT platforms.

TOURIST RATES - BANK SELLS

under the section "Outlook: Issues and Uncertainties". Jerry Masters, director of fisoft, said: "The real reason we did this is to show there is a long-term risk that our use of stock options could be replaced with cash."

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Announcement rushed out to avert legal action

# **Eurotunnel claims** debt deal agreed

Patrick Donovan City Editor

UROTUNNEL yesterday announced it had agreed terms for rescheduling its £8 billion debt with supporting banks, though it has yet to finalise details on the negotia-tions which have lasted al-

The announcement appears to have been rushed out in an attempt to avert the company's being put into adminis-tration under French law and to quash speculation that both sides were unable to come up with a deal.

The company's statement that terms had been "agreed in principle" was met with pread scepticism in the market since Eurotunnel is still finalising the long-awaited details of the restrucsee up to 49 per cent of the debt wiped out by the banks

Eurotunnel insisted that the deal was imminent, however, and that trading in its shares could resume next Tuesday. Shares were suspended at 115p in London and Paris at the beginning of the week to prevent the risks of a disorderly market because of

AINSBURY and the Co-

op signalled the start of a new era in high-street

retailing yesterday when they

launched a project to trans-form their trading relation-

ships with third-world

The two grocery groups

have teamed up with the Fair-

trade Foundation to develop codes of conduct which

should result in improved

conditions for workers making their own-label products.

includes purchases of flowers

and electrical goods from

China. Sainsbury aims to get

commitments to a code of practice from all its develop-

ing country suppliers by

March 1998. The move follows growing

interest in ethical issues such

as animal welfare and pollu-

tion, which have led shoppers to question the source of products and the conditions

under which they have been produced. And it reflects a

growing belief that consumer

The six-month pilot project

Roger Cowe

Speculation about the company's future has been rife because this was the deadline by which Eurotunnel had been expected to complete a deal. The agreement faces the final hurdle of a Friday conference of all the major banks. At this meeting the four "agent" or lead banks will present details to the group of introductory banks which speak for the rest of the 220-

strong lending consortium. Sources believe it is far from certain that consensus has been reached on all out-standing details because of the number of different vested interests of the sup-porting banks. It also needs the support of its sharehold-ers - 70 per cent of the company is controlled by small in-

stock market listed company. Besides the conversion of part of the debt into equity there is also expected to be an issue of convertible bonds. Other elements are thought to include share warrants, variable rate bonds and measures such as "stabilisation notes" which repay debt from a per-centage of cash flow.

vestors, an unusually high

proportion for any major

In a statement Eurotunnel said: "Agreement has been reached on the basic princidisorderly market because of uncertainty surrounding the company.

ples of the restructuring plan which is essential for the group's financial recovery."

Retailers back code for

Wendy Wrigley, head of

brand and corporate market-ing for the CWS, said the in-terest in fair trade stemmed

from the Co-op's "responsible retailing" initiative two

years ago.
"As a consumer-owned

organisation, our agenda is driven by consumer con-

cerns, not by the City," she said. "This is about a basic set of standards which cus-

tomers can expect from us as

a retailer. It is about ordinary

products on the shelves, not

The charter

Sainsbury's Petrina Fridd

came from shoopers' concerns. difficulties.

□ Commitment to decent conditions

Sub-contractors to be included ...

Widely accepted standards

☐ Independent auditing

☐ Responsibility for suppliers' working conditions

☐ A continuing trading relationship
☐ Conditions to be a key factor in selecting supplier

Standards to develop with changing conditions.

☐ Monitoring by or on behalf of the UK buyer

third-world suppliers

But beneath the surface, i became clear that there are tensions between the company and the president of the Paris Commercial Court. which had appointed arbitrators to help broker a deal. The mandate of Lord Wakeham and his French counterpart, Robert Badinter, to referee the talks expired on Monday. It is not being renewed.

The president of the court, Jean-Pierre Mattei, yesterday insisted that he took the initiative to persuade a reluctant Eurotunnel to accept the mebreakthrough in the debt talks. He said his move was motivated by considerations of "fairness" to shareholders. He added: "The scale of Eurotunnel is such that a failure with its Fr70 billion of debt, and an international treaty and two courts involved, would have meant a legal and financial imbroglio without

banks however were last night playing down the court's role in the agreement, insisting they had freely ac-cepted the constraints of the arbitration process. "It is nonsense to suggest that we were dragging our feet or doing anything to jeopardise shareholders' interests," one banking source said last night.

The supermarkets will develop codes based on a third-

world suppliers' charter

launched yesterday by The Fairtrade Foundation, which is backed by charities such as

Oxfam and Christian Aid.

The charter incorporates minimum standards laid

down by the International

Labour Organisation, cover-ing areas such as child labour

The pilot projects will also work out methods of monitor-

ing conditions on the ground.

Phil Wells, the foundation di-rector, urged UK buyers to take responsibility for im-

proving conditions rather than walking away from

and working conditions.



The new City . . . The growth of Canary Wharf and the Isle of Dogs has been necessary to accommodate the inflow of foreign institutions PHOTOGRAPH DAVID SALITOR

# Old favourites cast aside

#### IAN KING surveys the dramatic fall of Britain's independent financial institutions as foreign firms step in

IKE the original houses, there were no such event that created the universe, the City's Accordingly, a free-for-all own Big Bang has been followed by a series of volcanic eruptions and, 10 years on, the face of

change London has firmly established itself alongside New York and Tokyo as one of the world's leading financial centres, but as foreign financial institutions have come to town they have snaffled up most of Britain's most famous old banking names.

the City has been completely

The way was paved for the invasion when it was agreed that membership of the Exchange should be thrown open to foreign companies, as New York had done with its own 'May Day' in 1975, and to remove restrictions on overseas financial institutions owning British ones.

But unlike in the States, where, under the Glass-Steagall Act, banks were forbid-den from becoming securities Accordingly, a free-for-all ensued with banks falling over themselves to establish all-singing all-dancing one-

In particularly heavy de-mand were the old broking and jobbing houses London's revolutionary de-cision to make such changes, ternational movement of money, explains why the City

has become so important on the world stage.

The Americans poured in and a presence in the Square

Up to half the trade in large French and Italian shares now done in London, while the Square Mile is thought to cent of all cross-border share

But, one by one, over the past decade the grand old names of the City have vanished, swallowed by the foreigners trying to establish a

In 1993, for example, Ban-que Indosuez took a break from Kitcat & Aitken, closing down the stockbroker it bought in 1990, and merged with WI Carr. The same year

of Switzerland, which had bought it in 1985, decided to do away with the name. period either immediately be-fore Big Bang or afterwards include Wood Mackenzie. which was bought by NatWest, Grieveson Grant, which was bought by Kleinwort, and Laing & Cruick-shank, now owned by French bank Credit Lyonnais.

One of the most notable demises concerned two of Lon-don's most famous old stockbroking houses, Scrimgeour Kemp Gee and Vickers da Costa, which were gobbled up by American banking giant

Transmogrified into Citicorp Scrimgeour Vickers, and pased in gleaming new headquarters just south of the Thames, the new firm was quickly rattled by the defecdence and clients alike, and was eventually closed in Jan-

The final chapter in this sorry saga came in March 1995. For many in the City, the takeover of Barings — all but wiped out by Nick Leeson's reckless financial gam-

Within weeks, SG Warburg. another aristocratic house was humiliated in its failure to stitch a deal with American bank Morgan Stanley, and instead fell into the arms of Swiss Banking Corporation. Other foreign predators pounced and, when the dust settled. Kleinwort Benson was in the hands of Dresdner Bank, while Merrill Lynch, the so-called "thundering herd", had swallowed Smith New Court.

Some pointed to the fact that the old-style British merchant banks had always wanted to be players on a global stage and that, under a chance of achieving just that. But others, more sceptical, could only wonder whether the foreigners would still regard such "prizes" so enthusiastically once 1995's

Big Bang beloed entrench the City as a global force in

But as the threat of a single currency looms, and as rival European markets become more adept, there is no room for the complacency that, saw the end of Phillips & bles — by Dutch group ING over the past decade, has cost prew, another great old brok-showed how far things had so many British financial ining name, when Union Bank gone, but more was to follow.

# Underside

Dan Atkinson

ORD Eatwell, one-time economic guru to Neil Kinnock now translated to the House of Peers confided to comrades at Labour's up-country rally this week that he is already turning his mind to the fi Queen's, Cambridge, of which he becomes Master in January. Plan A is to touch fellow alumnus the Sultan of Abu Dhabi (he who took a billion-dollar bath over BCCI) for about £30 million. The Baron reckons the Sultan owes him one; when they were up together, the former wrote some of the latter's ssays for him. Let's hope single-currency crazed eco-nomic thinking, which, you may recall, helped lose Labour the last election. AYBE it's the combi-

AYBE it's the combination of English reserve and old-time Dutch religion, but Unil-ever went over all coy about its exciting new product launch this week. From the initial communiqué, it wasn't easy to tell what it was, with its burble about "leading-edge tech-nology" and mumbled references to sister-products, pregnancy test Clearblue and ovulation test Clearplan. On the day it emerged the bashful boffins had produced a new chemical-free

contraceptive. Unilever, | caused by a train break-when asked questions in | down in the tunnel. In a fitthis department, should stick to the answer given by the dad whose little laddie asked what was vended by those machines in pub lavatories. "Things for stopping headaches," was the firm (and truthful) response.

**-**EW of the fund managers treated to a recent Channel Tunnel visit will have been exactly shocked by the suspension of Eurotunnel's shares. The event, we hear, was less Trans-Europe Express and more Slow Train Coming. On arrival at the "blackhole of Kent", the party learned no refreshments were available because the kitchens had neither running water nor electricity. tunnel's state-of-the-art Xan entire carriage — was not a success either. Viewing was cancelled after two-hour emergenc emergency

THE LAST BLOK DID A RUNNER HIS STRIPEY SHIRTS

The follicly challenged and wig wearers amongst us, who think it's unfair to be charged the price of a full haircut, can now pay for their haircuts by the See Back Page 🏬

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ting end to the day's delights, the money-men were shepherded on to a convoy of mini-buses and driven to a local restaurant to meet Eurotunnel's operations director. Unfortunately, or perhaps not, the ops su-premo had made his way to a different restaurant. "At least it wasn't on the other side of the Channel."

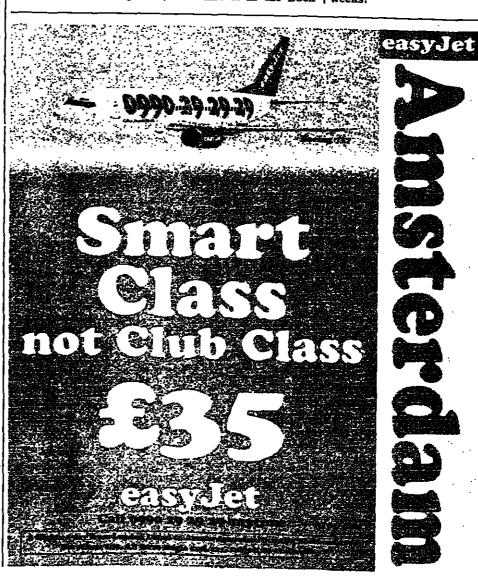
said one visitor.

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nonsensical delusion comes with a communication from Metropolitan Developments. A roaring trade is reported in — wait for it — Docklands warehouse apartments, and Metropolitan has just sold more than half its 46-flat development at the eerily-named Canada Wharf (it sounds like some-thing dreamed up by a screenwriter doing a number on the late Eighties) in less than a week.

Managing director How-ard Crocker chortles: "Once people see Canada Wharf they will realise

INALLY, an informal meeting of G7 finance ministers in Dublin recently saw the assembled suits take time off to see the sights, including the famous Book of Kells at Trinity College. A guide explained that the book supposedly possesses magic qualities if dipped in water, any sick animals drinking from the pool will be cured. Irish fi-nance minster Ruairi Quinn asked: "Can we bor-row it for a couple of



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# Hurricane to land blow

**Ron Cox** expects another victory

for Manton in the Middle Park Stakes

LASSIC prospects rarely surface in the Middle Park Stakes these days. The exception is Rodrigo De Triano, who won the Newmarket race in 1991 before commarket race. in 1991 before going on to land the 2,000 Guineas the following season.

He carried the colours of Robert Sangster, was trained by Peter Chapple-Hyam and ridden by John Reid, and the Manton team have their eyes on the prize again today with Hurricane State.

So far, this Miswaki colt has no pretensions to the "Rodrigo" class, but a runaway success at Goodwood last month convinced his shrewd connections that it was worth supplementing Hurricane State for this crack at Group

One company.

Narrowly beaten first time out. Hurricane State recorded an oustanding time when wiming his 14-runner Goodwood maiden race by five lengths and a further six lengths after making all the

where he finished a lot closer to one of Hurricane State's rivals here, Easycall.

That is possibly a flattering view of the Goodwood form. but Chapple-Hyam clearly feels Hurricane State is ready for the step up in class and this is the stable which sent out Revoque to lower the colours of Zamindar in the Prix de la Salamandre at Longchamp recently.

Chapple-Hyam has a good line to Bahamian Bounty. who touched off Zamindar at Deauville. Pas de Reponse, three lengths back in third there, gave that form a gilt-edged look when winning the Cheveley Park Stakes on

However, Bahamian Bounty benefited from a brilliant tactical ride from Frankie Dettori in a muddling sort of race at Deauville and it remains to be seen if he is as

good as the form suggests.
Indian Rocket goes from strength to strength and was not hard pressed to beat Proud Native by two and a half lengths in the Mill Reef Stakes, yet the runner-up had finished last in the Gimcrack on his previous start, a couple of lengths behind the aforementioned Select Choice, which buts a question mark which puts a question mark

over the Newbury form.
Hurricane State (3.40)
may have limited Classic potential, but his victory at Goodwood stamps him a twoyear-old of considerable promise and he could dent one or two taller reputations today.

Every now and then the handicapper errs on the le-nient side in his assessment of two-year-olds in nurseries. Hattab (2.35), in the Baileys Horse Feeds Handicap, looks case in point.

Raced over six furlongs on his first two starts, this Marju colt bolted up by three and a half lengths when dropped to five furlongs — the distance of today's race — at Haydock last time out.

Goodwood, had previously been beaten a similar distance behind Abou Zouz in the Gimcrack Stakes at York where he finished a lot sleep. Both the third and fourth-Ya Malak (3.05), surpris-ingly without a win since fin-ishing second to So Factual in last year's Nunthorpe Stakes, can put matters right in the

> Switched from Pip Payne to Ian Balding, Ya Malak had his first outing for his new trainer at Newbury last month in the race won by Struggler. He could only fin-ish seventh, but was not given a hard time and with Balding's horses in good form Ya Malak should be a lot

sharper this time. The Joel Stakes, which completes Channel 4's live coverage, looks a good oppor-



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Brighton breezy . . . Frankie Dettori powers home on Kristal Breeze at Brighton yesterday

# Dettori tops century with Brighton double

ing's number one attrac-tion reached his century of winners for the season with a double on Kristal Breeze

and Misrule. After he had reached the landmark, the Italian rider's fifth in succession, Dettori said: "At one point, after I broke my elbow on June 13, I thought I was never going to get the ton. But I made a quick

recovery and now I'm on top of the world.

RANKIE DETTORI was always quite a feat to get to her 600th success the toast of Brighton 100 winners and this time it worldwide."

yesterday when rac- has been even more After his injury Dettori

difficult.
"I couldn't give Pat Eddery a good battle for the title this year due to the in-jury, but I will be back for a real ding-dong with him next season. "I hope next year will be

a safer one for jockeys too

— there have been far too
many injuries this term. "To be frank, I am still overwhelmed from Saturday — I can't quite get over it yet. I would have loved to

got back into the saddle at Newmarket on August 9, having been stuck on the 61-winner mark during his convalescence. The Brighton executive

presented Dettori with a bottle of champagne after his achievement following the Stemning Handicap in which Willie Muir's Kristal Breeze, the 7-2 favourite, beat Tallulah Belle and Racing Telegraph by three and a half lengths and five. Kristal Breeze's owner

600th success first horse and it is a great thrill to give Frankie his injury Dettori 100th winner with it." Dettori's century has in-cluded nine wins on the all-

> year old from Milan added: "I hope I keep riding 100's until I'm old and grey. Racing is my life and I can't get enough of it." Dettori then made it 101

> weather surface, and the 25

on Misrule for John Gosden in the Eastbourne Limited Stakes, the 7-2 shot beating Sweet Wilhelmina and Just

Millie by four lengths.
Gosden's travelling head lad, Nick Vaughan, said:
"When Dettori is hot, be's

At Exeter, Martin Pipe's bid to become the first trainer to win all six races at a meeting failed by one when Shikaree. started 4-5 for the Dominion Oils Novice Chase, was only fourth behind Pongo

Waring. "I never expected to win all six races but I am always hopeful," said Pipe, who had previously saddled the first five winners at the course on August 23

"We always have plenty of runners at our local meetings so there is a

## **O'Dwyer** to ride for **Bailey**

Ken Oliver

IM BAILEY, the Lambourn trainer, has signed up Conor O'D-wyer to be his stable jockey in place of Norman Williamson who has left the yard to ride freelance

"I am very pleased as Conor is a top jockey and has been at the top for a long time," said Bailey. "He will have his first ride for me at Uttoxeter on

Saturday."
Despite his new job, O'Dwyer will maintain his partnership with Imperial Call, who gave him the biggest suc-cess of his career when land-

ing the Gold Cup at Chelten-ham in March.

"He will still be going back and forward to Ireland," Bai-ley explained. "He has still got his own contacts in Ire-land and won't be with me the whole time, but they tend to race mainly at the weekend over there so he should be

able to do both."

Coral's quote O'Dywer 33-1
to be champion jump jockey
in Britain this season. They
have shortened the odds of reigning champion Tony McCoy, from 47 to 411, after David Bridgwater (7-1 from 13-8) announced his split with

Clive Brittain will decided today whether Luso will take his chance in Sunday's Prix de l'Arc de Triomphe. The Newmarket trainer will consult plans with owner Saeed Manana, saying: "Luso has been working well under Michael Roberts and I am

very pleased with him." Twenty stood their ground yesterday for the Longchamp race. They are: Sunshack, Swain, Tamure, Classic Cliche, Oscar Schindler, Pilsudski, Luso, Court of Honour, Leeds, Pentire, Russian Snows, Shaamit, Radevore, Darazari, Polaris Flight, Le Destin, Zagreb, Helissio, Luna Wells and Leonila.

Latest betting: 11-4 Helissio, 5-1 Swain, 11-2 Zagreb, 7-1 Darazari, 9-1 Classic Clitunity for the lightly-raced 'Although this is not shaped well when third to Positive Prince at Goodwood. 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Silver Prey (4.15), who shaped well when third to Positive Prince at Goodwood. 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the shaped well when third to Positive Prince at Goodwood. 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for the Nationwide Building the Stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for when the stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for when the stable hack at present.' 'I would nave loved to have done the 100 on one of Steve Lamb, who works for when the stable hack at present in the stable hack at present i

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2.30 (77): 1, JULIETTA MIA, J D Smith (11-4): 2, Going For Broke (8-4 fav): 3, Zorba (13-2): 8 ran. 1%, 1%, (8 Hills) Tota: 53.40; 51.60; 51.10; 51.80; Dual F; E4.50; Trice 518.60; CSF: 19.48. 3.00 (60: 1, DANETHEL R Cochrane

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2.30 (1m); 1, MONTONE, Dr M Marvisch (10-1); 2, Challey Dancer (11-2); 3, 5k Arthur Hobbs (5-1); 5-2 (av Murphy's Gold, 11 ran. 13, 4, 5 Jenkins) Toler, 112,40; 12,80, 23,40, 22,70, Dual F 58,80, Trics 224,70, CSF: 885,37, Tricast, 5298,54.

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2.30 (67): 1, POHISSER: 3, Saint Express (4-1): 11-4 fav Ceptain Carat: 13 ran. S. 18. (R Guesth Tota: 19.50; 12.60; 24.20; 22. 19. Dual F. 238.50. Tric: 138.60 CSF; 185.97. Tricast: 1353.41. NR: Sox For Luck.

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2.10 (1m): 1, YORKSHERE, 7 Cultri (2-1) 2, Mordio Crust (33-1); 3, Indian (10-1) Evens fav Mardi Gras. 12 ran. 7. hd. (P Cole

Tote: £3.50; £1.50, £3.10, £5.10, Dual F: £58.50. Trio: £185.20. CSF: £89.06, NR:

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2-40 (1m ofp 1, NOTIVINIA DONSO, Pat Eddery (11-2 jn)-tav); 2, Rone of Gjenn (33-1); 2, Glanka (12-1); 4, Sam Rookatt (33-1); 1-2 jn)-tav Rook The Barney, 20 ran. 15, 6, (W Musson) Tota: E5-90; 21-40, C3-90, E2-70, E6-20, Dual F: £105.80. Tricr: £180.10. CSP £175.90, Tricast: £1.958.41.

3-10 (60p 1, TOMBRA, M Tobbutt (9-2); 2, Speedball (6-4 lav); 2, Mingleal Times (7-4), 6 ran. 25, 25, [B Mechan) Tota: £2.20. C3.30, £1.50. Dual F: £3.10. CSF; £11.40. EXETER 2.15 (2m 1f 110yds Hdfe): 1, DOGTOR GREEN, A McCoy (13-8 in-fav); 2, Grief Moces (13-8 in-fav): 3, Andsome Boy (16-1): 8 ran. 12 5, (A Pipe) Totr. \$2.10 £1.30 £1.20, £1.50. Dual F: £2.80, CSF: £4.45, 2.45 (2m 37 Hdb) 1, BRLL10H DANCER, D Walsh (1-2 lav); 2, Cashilow Crisis (11-2); 3, Lovelark (25-11.3 car. 16.18. (M Plps) Tole: £1.49; £1.80; £1.20, £2.80. Dual F: £2.90, Trio: £34.80. CSF £4.47. 2.40 (1m): 1, ASHBY HILL, A Clark (4-1 lav): 2, Flome de Cool (10-1): 3, Sovereigns Court (20-1): 4, Helios (25-1): 18 ran. 2, X (R Rowe) Yole: 25-50; 22.00, 23.00, 23.01; 210, 28.60, Dual F: 258.10. Trio: 3588.10. GSF: 243.16. Tricast: 2589.40. 4.10 (77): 1, ENTICE, Pal Editory (5-1): 2, Wasp Ranger (7-2 lay): 3, Eshticai (7-1): 19 ran. \$ 3, (8 Hills) Tota: (7 Ho; £2.30, £2.00, £2.10, Dual P. £12.80, Trio: £33.40, CSF: £23.50.

2.50 (10. 30 Co): 1, PONGO WARSHC, JF Titley (12-1): 2, Hardy Weather (4-1): 3, Chickebledry (100-30). 4-5 fav Enliares. 10 ran. 4, 16. (Miss H. Knight) Tone: C11-60; 62.20. £1.10, £1.20. Dual F: £11.80. Tric: £17.80. CSF \$22.50.
4.40 (1m 27s 1, SHAHSK, R Hills (14-1); 2, Temptrees (14-1); 3, Princess Danielle Panto (4-1); 3, Ritto (7-2). 7 ran 9, 7. (M

(E Duniop) Tote: £20.90; £4.40, £5.30, £2.20.

Dual F: \$510.40. Trio: \$170.50. GSF: £506.94.

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Dual F: \$2.30. £4.40. Dual F: £3.20.

\$2.10 (1m): 1, YORKSFRE, 7 Culm (2-1):

\$2.10 (1m): 1, YORKSFRE, 7

4.45 (2m 3f Hdbs): 1, OUT HARKSHO, C Mautin (6-1): 2, Lixib Hoofigen (7-1): 3, Flour de Tai (20-1): 5-2 lov Legocona Last-12 ran. 2, 1% (M Pipe) Tota: ES.10; C4.50, C3.0, E4.90, Dual F: E25.30, Tric: £198.80, CSF: £43.38, Tricast: £720.85 RACELIN

4.15 (2m If 110pds Ch): 1, NORDIC VALLEY, A McCoy (7-2): 2, Pax To The Pescale (100-30); 3, Pinglank Lad (2-1 tay). 7 an. 14, 4(1) Pipal Tote: 54.20; 52.10, 52.00. Dual F: 58.50, CSF: 514.26.

Martin Thorpe on a rule change regarding postponements for international call-ups that could keep League clubs in action well into June

# Fixture log-jam could extend season

weather conditions which we

always encounter at some

stage during winter. It could

become difficult but we'll just

He could not estimate how many games could ultimately

be affected, adding: "Inevita-

bly there will be a number of

games that will need to be re-

arranged but the clubs have

decided to introduce this pol-

have to deal with that."

HE Football League season could well be extended into June to cope with a log-jam of rearranged fixtures caused by a rule change ushered through yesterday. Pressure from First Division clubs has forced an increa in the number of regular-season games clubs can ask to postpone because of interna-

tional call-ups. Given a bad winter and a glut of cup replays, the fixture pile-up towards the end of the season could become cata-strophic. As a result of the matches have been postnoned this weekend. BSkyB televi-

First Division: Wolves 1. Bolton 2

**McGinlay double** 

sends Bolton to

top of table

GOAL four minutes

from time by John McGinlay, his second of

the match, sent Bolton two

points clear at the top of the table last night after Wolves

had gone ahead in the first half through Darren Fergu-son, who was sent off in the

It had looked from the start

as if Bolton might have been

ning when the referee Neil Barry allowed play to con-

tinue for a full minute before

reaching for his yellow card to caution Alan Thompson for

an earlier foul on Andy

Wolves, looking for a vic-tory to enhance their early hopes of promotion and deny Bolton the opportunity to

move above Norwich at the

top, almost broke through in

the eighth minute after At-kins had ventured into the

penalty area and turned clev-

erly to get in a cross from the

yard area hoping to finish off

winger was just beaten for

possession by the agility and

speed of the Bolton goal-

have long to wait, the opening goal coming in the 11th min-

ute when the striker Bull

turned provider for a change.

Wolves, however, did not

keeper Branagan.

having a game to show live on to their attention," said the in the two cup competitions. Sunday because the game be. League spokesman Chris and we may have the adverse tween Crystal Palace and Sheffield United is in doubt.

Yesterday's rule change allows clubs with Under-21 players called up for national service to count them in the three absentees needed to ask for, and get, a postponement.

The change stems from the understandable desire of First Division clubs to play their best teams at all times in the push for the big money of promotion. But, though the Football League has advised clubs about the repercussions of their action, they are ultimately powerless.
"We've done everything we

sion are also in danger of not | can to bring the consequences

He raced away down the right and held off challenges

from McAnespie and Sellars

before delivering a precision

cross from the right which

Ferguson took in his stride to

beat Branagan with an exqui-

Froggatt was only inches

away from adding a second for the home side with a close-range header but Bolton, with

only one defeat in 11 previous

games this season, twice

posed a threat before the

break. McGinlay found space

to get in a powerful shot which Stowell, perfectly posi-

tioned, saved at the near post

and then the goalkeeper used his legs to keep out a low,

hard drive from Blake, Bol-

The visitors were level

within three minutes of the

re-start thanks to some enter

prising play from Blake. The

striker raced away from his

marker Richards and put

over a low cross that gave McGinlay the easiest of tasks

to touch the ball home at the

Bull should have restored

Wolves' advantage but he

headed wide when unmarked

side were made to pay by

Wolverbamphon Westereas Stovell: Smith, Froggart, Akins, Vesus, Richards, Andy Thompson, Ferguson, Bull, Roberts (Foley, 74min, Emblen, Bolton Wanderers: Branagan; McAnespie, Phillips, Frandsen, Bergsson, Fairclough, Johansen, Sellars, Blake, McGiniav, Alan Thompson.

far post

McGinlay.

the promising move, but the 10 yards out and the home

site curling shot.

Hull, "but they've decided to go ahead. A lot of clubs, especially in the First Division. have stars that appear in their first teams regularly and are valuable members of their promotion push.

"They don't want to be without them and you can understand that. But at the same time there are the nec-essary commitments to enon time and we're not still playing matches come June. "The clubs who have thes players are more prominent, so there's a very good chance

icy and I'm sure they're aware of the possibility of a fixture backlog and they'll have to deal with it." As for the spectators, Hull so there's a very good chance explained: "That's a situation and Bruce Dyer were called their line they'll be involved in the lative which individual fans, if they part of the season, maybe they've got any grievances, Under-ZI match with Poland. They are they now wanted the game their fixtures.

would have to take up with | the clubs concerned." Yesterday afternoon say

the first fall-out from the rule change as a row developed over Sunday's Crystal Palace v Sheffield United game. Senior league officials turned down Palace's request to postpone the match and ordered it to go ahead. Palace may appeal

The London club had already had Ray Houghton called up for the Republic of Ireland's game against Macedonia and under the new rule they applied for a post-ponement because Chris Day

written assurance that, despite the anticipated introduction of the new rule, they would play the game. But, it is understood, Bassett has changed his mind. Now the Football League has told Palace to stick to their word.

"Crystal Palace volunteered to us a specific undertaking on Tuesday that, regardless of international call-ups and the new rule, they would go ahead with the game," said Hull. "Now League officials have told The club secretary Michael

On Tuesday Palace gave a ; called off because more players had been called up: Tony Scully to the Republic's Under-21 squad, Daniel Box-all on stand-by for the England Under-21s and Dougle Freedman poised for promo-tion from stand-by into the full Scotland squad. "We are sending another letter to the League in the hope of finding some sort of solution." he

> It is not known whether ressure from Sky forced the League's tough line but cer-tainly Sheffield United wanted the game to go ahead because barely two months into the season they are al-



## Browr loses strike force

COTLAND's list of injuries and withdrawals showed no sign of end-ing three days before their World Cup double-header against Latvia and Estonia. With Everton's Duncan

Ferguson already unavail able, another three forwards Blackburn's Kevin Gal lacher and the Rangers pair Ally McCoist and Gordon Durie - were withdrawn yes terday with Gallacher's clubmate and central defender Colin Hendry.

Hendry has a herma opera tion today and is likely to be out for four weeks. He hopes to return for his club's Pre-miership fixture against Liverpool just before Scotland's potentially crucial home match against Sweden on No-

Durie and McCoist, who missed Rangers' 2-0 victory over Celtic last weekend, were not expected to be fit for the national side but, when the team assembled at Hampden Park yesterday, Gal-lacher arrived to test his damaged hamstring. A short work-out confirmed that he would not be ready for Saturday's match against Latvia or Wednesday's in Estonia.

The manager Craig Brown will decide today whether to bring in John McGinlay of Bolton or Doug Freedman of Crystal Palace. He may even, with the squad reduced from an original 24 to 20, summon

Frank Coulston, one of Brown's coaches at the SFA. was sent to Molineux last h McCi against Wolves. The 32-year-old striker's form, however, would appear to be less rele vant than his physical condition.

Before Gallacher's withdrawal Brown had been reluctant to trouble Bolton or Palace, both of whom are involved in First Division matches this weekend. Now he may have to deprive at least one of them and will invoke the Fifa rule on compul-

sory release if need be.
"It is a shame that the clubs

Brown insisted that the loss of four forwards he had originally pencilled in was most damaging to his plans, but Hendry's withdrawal is a

worry too. The Latvians, in particular,

# we principle

have fixtures," said Brown, "but we have already stood on our rights in the case of John who are here at a time when their clubs, AS Monaco and Borussia Dortmund, have domestic commitments

do not have an impressive wins-to-matches ratio but they do score goals. Brown is likely to play Craig Burley of Chelsea in central defence alongside Colin Calderwood and Tom Boyd, with Jackie McNamara of Celtic winning his first cap at right wing

# Ravanelli 'happy to stay at Boro'

ian Ross

'ABRIZIO RAVANELLI vesterdav scotched rumours of his impending departure from Mid-dlesbrough and said: "I will be happy to sign for another two years if they want to keep me.

striker had done little to dampen speculation that he was ready to leave for Man-chester United for £10 million but yesterday the White Feather seemed content with his lot at the Riverside Stadium. "I never "I wouldn't sell him for said anything about United £25 million," said Robson.

approaching me," he said. "The story just appeared. I don't know whether it is

Apparently it is untrue ment on the suggestion that Ravanelli will shortly by plying his trade at Old Trafford. United's chief executive Martin Edwards seemed amazed.

eager to succeed," he said.



Rookie's move . . . Chris Plummer, one of Rangers' Combination-winning side last season but denied a full debut, strolls past Vale's Walker

Queens Park Rangers 1, Port Vale 2

On Tuesday the Italy

Ravanelli, meanwhile, insisted that he is happy to remain the most significant piece in the manager Bryan Robson's jigsaw puzzle. "The fans love me and I am

ham Forest before that - and

his manager Martin O'Neill

Trevor Francis, the Bir-

mingham City manager, last night granted a transfer

request from Mike Newell, only 10 weeks after signing

the striker from Blackburn Rovers for £750,000. Newell

put in a written request for a

move after being omitted

from the side to play QPR at St Andrew's last Saturday.

Newell 31, has struggled to

settle with his new club. Be-

fore he was dropped he had

against Brighton in their

The Portsmouth goalkeeper

Wolves' manager Mark

McGhee is hoping to sign the

28-year-old German mid-

fielder Jens Dowe from Ham-

burg in time for Saturday's

Newcastle's Uefa Cup second-round first-leg match

will be shown live on Sports-

Alan Knight has been given a free transfer after 727 appear-

ances for his only club.

game against Reading.

Coca-Cola Cup tie.

will want around £450,000.

■HE honeymoon is over already. Stewart Hous-ton heard his first boos t Loftus Road last night as an abject display by his new side ended in defeat by Port Vale in front of the lowest home crowd in four seasons. Steve Guppy's goal on 70 minutes was enhanced by Tony Navlor six minutes

later, and though Simon Barker soon crashed in a 30yard reply there was no denying Vale their first away League win of the season. Houston's arrival has hardly sent Rangers' fortunes rocketing. As one would exhe has improved the team's organisation and ability to battle, if not their results. A disappointing home draw with Swindon was followed

by a hard-earned goalless draw at Birmingham, but the most memorable aspect of the Scot's tenure so far has been the quiz question it has spawned: which teams did QPR play in their first three The answer is Swindon,

games under Houston? Swindon and Swindon, two Coca-Cola ties sandwiching the League meeting. Houston notched his first victory in the first leg — his first game in charge — but the team compounded its lacklustre

The new manager has money to spend, but he and his No. 2 Bruce Rioch seem content to window-shop for the time being. In the meantime, the team has become one of the youngest in Rangers' history as injuries to established members are covered by lads from the reserve side which won the

**Guppy leaves Rangers floundering** 

Combination last season. Last night Rangers were missing Bardsley, Yates, Impey, Murray and Gallen through injury, while Slade and Ready are out of favour. The inclusion of rookies such as Mark Graham, Chris Plummer and Mark Perry meant

pect of a former Arsenal man. | start under him by losing 3-1 | that Vale lined up against | stitute Mahoney-Johnson on he has improved the team's | at home in the second leg. | seven players under the age | the back of a shirt? He came Their inexperience shows

even against a side with only one League win all season. Rangers failed to trouble the visiting goalkeeper in the first half and were booed off at half-time for their pains.

They made partial amends
within a minute of the new half when Quashie headed on target at Van Heusden. But in eping with the game thus far it was so soft as not to

trouble the goalkeeper. On 56 minutes Rangers at last posed a real question: how on earth, if they got back into the Premiership, would they fit the name of their subthe back of a shirt? He came on for Perry fresh from a loan period at Wycombe and two goals scored for them in last Saturday's 6-3 defeat at Peterborough.

With the sparse crowd increasingly restive, Vale threatened as Naylor, Guppy and Porter all went close. The goal duly came on 70 minutes when Guppy drilled a 25-yard shot into the top left-hand corner which cannoned in off the

QPTe Sommer, Graham, Brevett, Barker, McDonald, Plemmer, Brazier, Perry Dichio, Quashle, Singlair. Port Vale: Van Heusden; Hill, Tankard, Walker, Aspin, Glover, McCarthy, Porter, Talbol, Naylor, Guppy, Referacs G Singh (Wolverhampton).

#### Sport in brief Cricket

**Fixtures** 

Soccer PONTINS LEAGUE: First Division: Port Vale v Wolverhampton (7.0) AVON INSURANCE COMBINATION:

ice Hockey

● Roger Black and Denise Lewis have been voted British's Athletes of the Yea-by the British Athletes Writers Association, Black was also eighth in the European Athlete Association's political European Athlete Association's political Committee and Programme Committee of the Year, won by the

A weakened Pakistan side beat Kenya by four wickets in

the Kenyan centenary fournation tournament in Nairobi yesterday. Moin Khan scored 50 as Pakistan recovered from 61 for five to 149 for six in reply to Kenya's 148 all out in 47 overs. Pakistan must beat the World Cup holders Sri Lanka tomorrow to have a chance of reaching Sunday's final

Sri Lanka are to advertise for a coach to replace the former Australian Test player Day Whatmore, who is to join Lancashire next May

**Ice Hockey** 

Manchester Storm, at the foot of the Superleague, yesterday signed the Canadian defence man Eric Calder from the German club Schwenningen Wildwings, writes Vic But-chelder. The Canadian forward Chad Penney has now been granted a work permit and joins the club this week

**Darts** 

John Lowe and Cliff Lazar-enko lost 6-4 to the amateurs Fran Lynch and Jack North in their opening match at the Kings World Team Champlonship in Salford yesterday.

#### McGrath can go and as soon as possible, say Aston Villa Leicester from Aston Villa nearly two years ago for £650,000 — he was at Notting-

**Peter White** 

AUL McGRATH has been put on the transfer list. The unsettled 36-year-old Aston Villa defender, until recently a regular member of the Republic of Ireland side. was sent home earlier this week after confronting Villa's manager Brian Little about his continued absence from Now Little has decided that

McGrath can go. Coventry City's manager Ron Atkinson will be among those interested, but not necessarily at Villa's £200,000 asking price. scored only three goals in 10 games, and two of them were We have informed all

clubs in this country and in Scotland that Paul is available," Little confirmed last night, "and the quicker the matter is resolved the better. The longer he stays with us the more frustrating it will

become for everyone." Another player placed on the transfer list yesterday was the Leicester City midfielder Garry Parker, who helped Leicester reach the missed the start of this through illness and has since at Hungary's Ferencearos bench. Parker. 31, joined | night on Tuesday. October 15.

Uefa warning on Dons' move

UEFA yesterday stressed its opposition to Wimbledon's proposed relocation to Dublin and said it would not sanction a move that was "against the spirit of the game". Wimbledon are the sub-ject of a takeover bid led by

the rock group U2's manager Paul McGuinness and Owen O'Callaghan, a Cork property developer, but a Uefa spokesman said: "Wimbledon are an English club and we are not in favour of them moving to a foreign country." The Southampton man-

ager Graeme Souness has offered £1 million for the Brann Bergen striker Thor-Andre Flo, who is eager to join his fellow Norwegians Claus Lundekvam and Egil Ostenstadt at The Dell. Souness, meanwhile, has withdrawn his request for a

an FA disrepute charge over comments allegedly made to the referee at Leicester on August 21. Brighton supporters are to step up their pressure on the chairman Bill Archer. whom they want removed, by protesting outside his home in Lancashire.

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(26) 42. Fig President's XII Tries Baravilata. Koron. Navale. Gesits: Takaindau 2.
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Gesis: Prescott 5 (2,000). Tennis LYON INDOOR GRAND PRIX: First round: T Henman (GB) bi G Forget (Fr) 6-4, 6-2, A Bootsch (Fr) bi A Medvedov

Rugby League

(Lin) 6-2, 6-4; C Woodraft (US) bit T Muster (Aut) 6-3, 6-3. Second round: T Engwist (Swe) bit G Pozi (II) 6-3, 6-3, M Rise (Chile) bit M Tillstom (Swe) 6-3, 6-1; Y Kafelnikov (Filis) bit P Korde (C2) 6-4, 6-3, SINGAPORE OPEN: First round: B Slack (2(m) bit M Joyce (US) 7-6, 6-4, 3 Frans (Arg) bit H Dreelman (Ger) 6-3, 4-9, 7-5, Second round: A Othewaldy (Rus) bit P Fredrickson (Swe) 7-5, 6-2, G Resedahi (GB) bit G Stafford (SA) 7-6, 6-4; R Krajicek (Neh) bit N Bruno (II) 7-6, 6-3, SPARICASSENI CUP WONEER'S GRAND PROX (Leipzigi: First round: L Davenport (US) bit B Schett (Aut) 8-4, 7-6, Second round: I Majoli (Cro) bit S Farina (II) 6-6, M Malocux (But) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-1, 6-2, M Malocux (But) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-1, 6-2, M Malocux (But) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-1, 6-2, M Malocux (But) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-1, 6-2, M Malocux (But) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-3, 6-4, J Wilsener (Aut) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-3, 6-4, J Wilsener (But) bit S Appelmans (Bel) 6-3, 6-4

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**Breakaway** 

clubs now

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in reply

to snub

OUTH WALES, denied a place in Super League by fellow clubs

the challenge, have turned down the offer of a First Division berth next year and withdrawn from the

Rugby Football League

The Cardiff-based club

who played in the Second Division this summer, told

the RFL that It was "Super

The RFL's chief executive

Maurice Lindsay said after

the decision was conveyed to a council meeting in Leeds: "South Wales felt that Division One would be a halfway house and that

people there want to watch the best or nothing. I am disappointed because I was a big fan, but they still have

plans to apply for Super

League for 1998 or beyond.
"They want to spend the

time developing rugby

league in their area, work-

ing with the development

officer, on the lines of Auckland Warriors, who took 18 months to put a side

together for the Winfield

Mike Nicholas, the for-

mer Welsh international behind the formation of South Wales, said: "The only way to make it work is

to have the profile of Super

League.
"It is not viable for us to

play in the First Division.

We were ready for Super

League and we were given

it, only for it to be taken

away from us.
"We are prepared to wait.

We don't mind keeping the

game going as long as at some stage they put us straight into Super

League."
The loss of South Wales

means that 11 clubs will op-

Second Divisions with an

extended season running

from March 1 to October 5

to take in a new play-off

An attempt by those clubs

to form a separate market-

ing company along the

lines of Super League's Rugby League (Europe) Limited has been put down quickly by the RFL's board

competition.

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**David Plummer** on the Five Nations delegations gathering in London

**Rugby Union** 

HE leading clubs in the four home countries will tomorrow find out if BSkyB is prepared to fund a breakaway movement. Representa-tives of the clubs together with a delegation from France are to meet in London and expect to be offered a contract which could be worth \$25 million a year.

Though Sky's chief executive Sam Chisholm has told the home unions that he will

the home unions that he will not fund a breakaway and is more likely to withdraw from rugby, the clubs insist that Sky is prepared to back a European Cup and an Anglo-Welsh tournament as well as the English league.
All 12 Welsh First Division clubs met with their union

this week and were offered £3.6 million this season. The clubs would bank £200,000 each with £1.2 million being given to First Division Ltd to share on a merit basis.

The Welsh National League is not sponsored this season nor is there a backer for the Anglo-Welsh Cup, a compe tion which seemed a gove idea two months ago by which has been a victim

congested fixture schedules. FDL was also promised a greater say in the running of competitions in which it is involved, though the Welsh Rugby Union would retain the ultimate control.

The WRU's plan is that the next season's Anglo-Welsh Cup and the European Cup would be played on Saturdays with the Welsh league watching brief.

matches being played on a home or away basis which would cut the fixtures by half. their own club tournament is low because Sky is not interested in televising it.

The 12 are keeping an open mind but some are sceptical.

"We have heard promises for
months," said one club official. "The time has now come for Sky to put up or shut up because we need the money desperately. We have been told there will be a signed contract from Sky ready for us in London, but seeing is

believing.

"The WRU's offer is on the table and, though it falls short of the £500,000 each we were asking for, it is a start. The union has also shifted its ground on the issue of control and proposes to set up a busi-ness committee on which it would have a majority of one. It remains to be seen whether that could be sold to the whole of the WRU's membership but even then it is less than what we want."

England's leading 24 clubs have served notice on the Rugby Football Union that they will go their own way a week tomorrow, but clubs without wealthy benefactors will have to win the approval of their members. All of Wales's First Division clubs would need the consent of ir members, too, even

nade moves to become lim-

ited companies. French clubs have stayed out of the dispute because of the support they receive from local government, backing which would be jeopardised if they took part in competitions not sanctioned by the French federation. However, officials have agreed to come to London and maintain a

Gloucester look to buy way out of trouble

# Hill puts survival above principles

of coaching Richard usage. Hill is to abandon his How Hill is to abandon his However, players will not principles in an attempt to face the threat of automatic stave off the threat of relega- suspension for receiving two

Hill had put his faith in a crop of promising young play-ers recruited at little or no cost but, with Gloucester second from bottom, having lost all five of their matches. he has decided to try to spend

his way out of trouble.
"If money is available, despite the fact that it is against my principles, I will seriously have a look at bringing in a couple of players," said the former England scrum-half. "Principles have to go out of the window when Gloucester's future is at stake. It will have to be the right person, though. I want a player who will not only offer some cutting edge in attack but will contribute in training as well."

It is the second time this season that Hill has had to climb down after a policy failure. His strategy of targeting matches, which meant field-ing weaker sides against stronger opposition and his first-choice XV when Gioucester played teams he expected them to beat, was quickly ditched after a heavy defeat by Harlequins in their open-

in the national leagues last game.

tion from Courage League yellow cards because the acwas used last season has been

his bow in the League Two

personal reasons.
The Anglo-Welsh Cup match between Leicester and Bridgend which was post-poned last month will be played next Tuesday at Wel-

Louis Luyt, the president of the South African Rugby Football Union, met the Natal wing James Small in Johannesburg yesterday in a move designed to smooth the play-er's path back into the Springbok team. Small was dropped after the Tri-Nations match against New Zealand in Cape

But a player who has been sent off will have previous yellow cards taken into ac-count at his disciplinary hearing and the Rugby Football Union's special disciplin-ary committee has recommended an extra week's ban for each previous yellow card. Henry Hurley's debut for Moseley has been further delayed. The Ireland interna-tional prop was to have made

game against Richmond at The Reddings on Saturday but has had to withdraw for

Players at all levels of the game in England will now face the yellow peril, with the cards flourished by referees

#### St Helens in Super League last season, to stand-off. In ad-dition to scoring a hat-trick of land are my goal." Harmon celebrated in untries he had a hand in two more of the Lions' eight in all. Harmon's contribution was

REAT BRITAIN put

on their least in pressive performance of the tour

yesterday but, for Karle Ham-

mond and Neil Harmon, both

surprise selections for the

party, it was a highly satisfac-tory evening under the Chur-

Hammond, a late replace-ment for the injured Shaun

Edwards, reverted from loose

forward, a position he adopted with some success for

chill Park floodlights.

# in for Gooch

David Hopps

Andy Wilson in Lautoka

GRAHAM GOOCH has withdrawn as coach of the England A party to Australia because of the ill health of his father Alf. His place goes to another former England captain Mike Gatting. Alf, a familiar figure on

Essex grounds throughout his son's career, was taken ill during the county's final championship game of the season and Gooch was forced to retire against Gloucester shire, on 170 not out, to visit him in hospital Gatting had always been

held in high regard by the for-mer chairman of selectors Raymond Illingworth and clearly, even after the latter's retirement, his stock remains high. He will join David Graveney, the tour manager, when the party leaves in three weeks' time.

Tim Lamb, chief executive elect of the English Cricket Board, said: "It is unfortunate for Graham but we are lucky to have someone to take his place of similar calibre and international experience."

## Equestrianism

#### Gatting to fill Cassan stands first and third

**Tour match:** Fijian President's XIII 16, Great Britain 42

praised by the coach Phil Lar-

der for a solid 70-minute effort in what was his first

significant appearance for

more than three months.

Apart from a few minutes

in the first game of the tour,

in Papua New Guinea last week when he was knocked

out making his first tackle, he

had not played since the ex-plry of his contract with

asked Phil to let me stay on as

long as possible because I need to build up my match fitness," said the 27-year-old prop who is still looking for a club. "The Tests in New Zealand."

TINA CASSAN, missing from the international scene for the past two seasons, achieved a rare result when finishing first and third in the SGC Scaffold-ing National Grade C impionship at the Horse of the Year show's opening session here yesterday.

second slower. Cassan returned on Finchpalm Fu-

to add third to her first. Essex's Sarah Marshall horse barrage.

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John Kerr at Wembley

Only three among 23 reached a jump-off for the first of the week's National Senior contests, Cassan, 30 and the Queen's Cup win-ner in 1992 and 1993, produced a brisk clear on Spar-ticus and this proved the winning round. Mark Armstrong was also faultless on Iwan, a little less than a jyama and was again clear

14, on her Wembley debut, took the Squibb & Davies Junior Foxhunter Championship on Miami Blaze with the fastest of three faultless rounds in a seven-

Holding operation . . . the Lions centre Keith Senior is stopped in his tracks by one of the President's men in Fiji

Hammond leads the try feast

and Harmon's team, led by

Denis Betts, has taken to wearing grass skirts in the Fi-

jian tradition. "The rest of the

lads have got long skirts but they just don't do a thing for me," he said.

Against disappointing op-ponents the tourists led 26-0

at half-time with Hammond

setting up tries for Joey Hayes with a well-welghted

kick to the corner and, more

fortunately, Keith Senior with a rare, misdirected pass

that the Sheffield centre did

Further close-range scores

came from Tulsen Tollett and

Nick Cassidy but the Lions looked disjointed at times and

squandered a number of chances. The Fijians scored easily their best try in the

well to gather.

less spectacular but he was | split into four groups of eight | third quarter, through the | sider they are a few years be

substitute Koroi, after a su-

perbly delayed pass from the full-back Eprame Navale, for-

merly of Sydney St George

and one of only three team members with first-class

Hammond completed his

hat-trick with two of three

Lions tries between the 63rd

and 73rd minutes, set up by Mather and Morley respec-tively and either side of one

from Critchley, to establish a 43-6 lead. The Fijians then

gave an enthusiastic crowd

something to cheer with spec-

tacular scores by Baravilala

Larder praised the defen-

sive organisation of the oppo-

sition. "They compared favourably with the sides we

played in PNG when you con-

league experience.

and Navale.

ERMANS have a wav with words, and not for nothing is their national hero Bernhard Langer known as Der Haus-

But Langer has recently all failed to topple the Scot. fallen on hard times on the greens, and in his embarrass here as "the one who never ment has resorted to a broomhandle putter. So, when the German Masters begins at the Motzener See club some 20 miles south of the German capital today, he will be playing an unaccustomed secondary role in the contest between Der

kehrer, alias Ian Woosnam. The year-long duel between the Scot and the Welshman

# **Master of House waits on Monty**

Michael Britten in Berlin

herr, or Master of the House. Two victories and four second places in the tournament he founded to commemorate his 1985 triumph at Augusta, coupean Tour wins in his own country, merit the accolade.

Dauerbrenner, alias Colin Montgomerie, and Der Rück-

Montgomerie win £6,653 more than Woosnam from this

secures a fifth 1996 victory in this month's Volvo Masters where the first prize is £150,000. Montgomerie's lead is £143,348and Woosnam looks to be going the same way as Nick Faldo, Seve Ballesteros and Sam Torrance, who have

Woosnam won the season's first two tournaments in Singapore and Perth, but was under pressure after Montgomerie emerged from a threemonth winter fitness drive to win his first event in Dubai. "That was the most impor-tant of my 12 European wins," said the Scot yesterday.

set the pattern. I hit two driver shots to 20 feet for a has reached its climax with Montgomerie within a few birdles of clinching a fourth successive European title to \$108,330 first prize to keep the

equal the record set by Peter | outcome in doubt. In German | Lehman, the South African Oosterhuis (1971-74). Should | eyes he is the "comeback | Ernie Els, warming up for a revival from 65th in the Euroweek's prize fund of £650,000 | pean ranking last season.

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but they played as though the flair bad been coached out of

started off-loading later on they caused more problems." Fiji's Test team, who looked

on from the main stand, will be more entertaining and threat-

ening as most of their players

have top-level experience.

Moreover, since their mixed showing in the Centenary

World Cup they have ditched

the Australian coach Graham

MULTRY 107 a local man.

Fijian President's XIII Navale;
Baravilala Dau kattuerala Vatubua,
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Senior. Critichley, Hammond. Tolletti;
Harmon, Lowes. O'Connor. Bradbery.
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Molloy, Mortey, Dwyar.

Murray for a local man.

eyes he is the "comeback Ernie Els, warming up for a man", a reference to his possible third successive World Match Play victory, ean ranking last season.

"I have to win here," he Seve Ballesteros, winner two said, "but it is not all over." years ago, are among those The Open champion Tom who could affect the outcome.



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# Sydney Harbour awaits its own Olympic Batmobile



Pole position ... the 49er won the trial experts' vote as the new Games boat PETER SENTLEY

HE first major changes to Olympic sailing for many years will be im-olemented for the 2000 Games in Sydney with the likely introduction of a class that has its roots deep in the host har-bour. The 49er, the over-whelming choice of the International Sailing Federation's ISAF) evaluation group, is an 18-foot Skiff in all but name

and a couple of feet of length. For years the over-canvassed 18-footers have the fastest single-hulled sailing boats in the world. The more than a century but is as fresh as the harbour's famous

been at the heart of racing in | liams-Renault is from the Sydney and have evolved into Ford Mondeo and this may had a three-mile lead over 49er, a two-man boat designed by the former 18-foot Skiff Brighton in November. Some national federations who own national federations who own right leg above the knee from the line that goes back against any change but the but the boat's medic Lesley more than a century but is as ISAF president Paul Hender Bowden, with help from the

Lightness is part of the boats in the next Olympics, 49er's appeal. At last month's we have no business running trials on Lake Garda in Italy it weighed in at 132kg fully rigged, some 26kg (or half a hundredweight) less than its

nearest rival of the same size. Other plusses are its large sail area, sleek narrow hull lines and a massive spinna-ker for downwind sailing. Usefully, it also looks like the Batmobile with wings to sup-port the crew outboard on

The 49er is as far removed from the current clutch of Olympic boats as the Wilprovide its only barrier to Simon Walker's Toshiba selection for the Games at the Wave Warrior as the BT ISAF's annual conference at Global Challenge fleet neared

this sport". Henderson knows he has

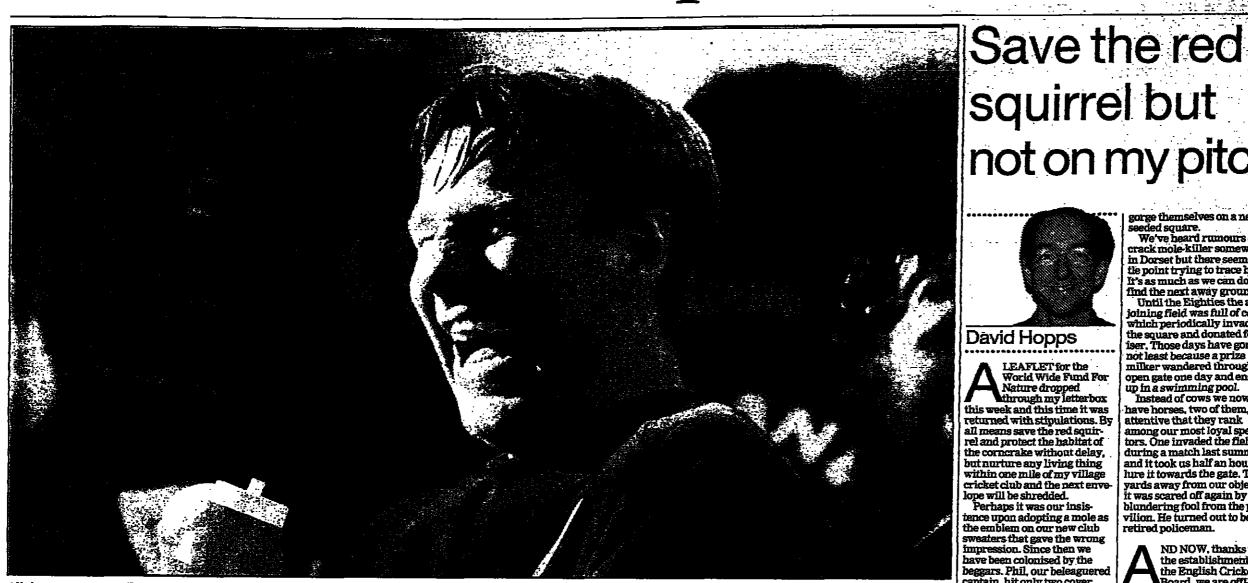
opposition to introducing the 49er, or another like it, into the Games. But by making the trials open and inviting critics of the new-style boats, he opened many eyes. The trial sailors want the change: 16 out of 19 voted for the 49er to be an Olympic class. The 49er's rivals in the final

selection were two Britishdesigned and -built classes. the Boss and the Laser 5000, which are both still options. Chris Tibbs and Concert son said after the trials that sail repair team, soon mended "if we don't put one of these | the artificial limb.

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# England in purdah for Poles

**David Lacey** hears Glenn Hoddle demand a week of sacrifices from the squad gathering to overwhelm Poland with moderation

HE only way a den-tist's chair will fea-ture in England's preparations for their World Cup qualifier against Poland at Wembley on Wednesday will be if one of Glenn Hoddle's players goes down with toothlikely to be small beer. Since certain members of

throats while adopting dental surgery postures in the China Jump Bar in Hong Kong, the The team's success in this in mind that the England reaching the Euro 96 semi-fin- | coach is insisting his squad |

Terry Venables's European als pushed this incident into Championship squad were pictured having bottles of spirit poured down their week in purdah before the Poland game, which will be England's first match back at Wembley since the summer

Burnham Beeches for the duration. Under Venables the players would have been allowed home at the weekend. Hoddle clearly wants to keep an eye on them all the time.

"They'll have a drink at the right time," Hoddle explained when the players reported for international duty yesterday, "but nothing over the top. They're not schoolboys. They image of the English foot-baller as a breath test waiting repetition were inevitable. It may or may not be with the England controlled.

"We had a few drinks when

the Moldova match a month ago. We controlled that situahappen now, just a few beers back at the hotel."

Hoddle clearly wants to run England on stricter Continen-tal lines without becoming a martinet. "You have to be flexible." he said, "but there's a certain line to be drawn. And you never let the players the past this has always

worked in my favour.' During and after the tour to China and Hong Kong Venables's squad was criticised for its sloppy image and a failure to set proper standards. "The best standard we can set now is to qualify for the 1998 World Cup." Hoddle retorted yesterday. "Image? That's not Number One in my mind. The

first thing is to qualify.
"I hate wearing a tie but sometimes I have to. But wearing a tie or not wearing a tie is not going to get me three points on Wednesday." England already have three from their 3-0 win in Moldova. Hoddle clearly wants his

players to get used to being away from their homes for seven days at a stretch and adapt to a pre-match routine the weekend but M which will be different but the more doubtful.

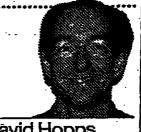
not over-rigorous. "It's not as if we're going to be training every day," he said. "There'll be a rest period; that is part of

"But this is a game for three qualifying points. I feel that, if you're an international footballer and the man ager wants you for seven days, then that should not be a problem. That's the way want it.

then a certain amount of sacrifice has to be made — by the players, by myself, by everyone. You can't do it without that sort of dedication. I think seven days is just enough time to do the work we need and get a club spirit going."
Paradoxically, perhaps, the
only players who did not report yesterday were the Manchester United trio of Gary Neville, Gary Pallister and David Beckham, who were allowed to fulfil a longstanding commitment to help open a local theme restau-rant. The Red Cafe.

Two Liverpool players, Dominic Matteo and Robbie Fowler, missed the first training session with knee and an-kle injuries. Decisions on their fitness will be made at the weekend but Matteo looks

## squirrel but not on my pitch gorge themselves on a newly ded square.



David Hopps

LEAFLET for the World Wide Fund For Nature dropped through my letterbox this week and this time it was returned with stipulations. By all means save the red squirrel and protect the habitat of the corncrake without delay,

but nurture any living thing within one mile of my village cricket club and the next enve-lope will be shredded. Perhaps it was our insistence upon adopting a mole as the emblem on our new club

sweaters that gave the wrong impression. Since then we have been colonised by the beggars. Phil, our beleaguered captain, hit only two cover drives along the ground all season and both became en-guifed in a pile of dirt. There are few more tired

themes than invented tales of village cricket — the black-smith steaming red-faced up the hill and all that baloney but our afflictions, like those of so many small clubs, need little embellishment. The season might be over but the humiliations are never-ending. Our moles are now so

hooked on "mole smokes" those supposedly deadly little fumigating sticks — that they pop up to the surface in dark es humming Kula Shaker. They are only dis-turbed by the hordes of rabbits that arrive at dusk from Bottoms Wood to scratch holes in

One nightmarish moment dwarfs all others. After labouring intermittently for two years over a new practice pitch I was increasingly disconcerted over a period of weeks to see a line of molehills moving inexorably towards it. The day that a perfectly sym-metrical molehill appeared in the middle of the artificial

bowling end was the day that I finally realised I'd been had. But the moles are real enough. Several of our finest cover fielders have suddenly disappeared from view, never to be heard of again. Older hands prefer to field on the wood side, protected by insect repellent to keep off the midges. Unlike England's inner-city Test grounds, at least we are spared the pigeons. There are, however, many other bird varieties to

We've heard rumours of a crack mole killer somewhere in Dorset but there seems little point trying to trace him. It's as much as we can do to find the next away ground. Until the Eighties the ad-joining field was full of cows which periodically invaded

the square and donated fertiliser. Those days have gone, not least because a prize milker wandered through an open gate one day and ended up in a swimming pool. Instead of cows we now

have horses, two of them, so attentive that they rank among our most loyal specta tors. One invaded the field during a match last summer and it took us half an hour to lure it towards the gate. Ten yards away from our objective it was scared off again by a blundering fool from the pavilion. He turned out to be a retired policeman.

ND NOW, thanks to the establishment of the English Cricket Board, we are offi-cially part of The National Pyramid and charged to do our bit to bring salvation to English cricket. When Michael Atherton plays over a yorker from Heath Streak in the first Test in Harare in December, it will not be his fault alone; now, not before time, we are all responsible.

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You may scoff but we're al-ready doing our bit to regain the Ashes. This summer we briefly stuck a poster on the wall depicting the forward defensive, although it was soon replaced by the pitch-duty rota, which is far more impor-tant. We started an under-18 team and might even try to teach them something if anyone ever leaves work early enough. And, being the start are low, we have just had our annual kit check.

Boldly armouncing that You have to look smart to play smart", our captain. sensing an OBE for services rendered to English cricket, pored over the end-of-seasor catalogues and prepared to spend the projected profits of the Christmas raffle.

As all expenditure is ap-proved only after several committee meetings, he invited the chairman to pass his own judgment. After much rifling through the club bag, the judg ment was handed down. 'We could do with a new strap-on box," he said.

And so now we're on the look-out for one, if they still exist. We're going to give it to Athers. It will be something for him to keep the Ashes in next September.

OF PURCIPES DESPENDENS

#### COETCUETLING

The follicly-challenged and wig-wearers-among us, who think it s unfair rear be charged the price? af a full haircut can how pay by the minute Carlos Mendosa has a meter in his salon in Mikan Italy

#### BRICKS AND WATER

These are few things as frustrating as being comments of the second permission when you are about to build your Heam home. However Rolf Lessinger, barred from building a house pear Reisa in Germany hit upon a novel Sobition to bureaucratic Interference He dun a fiage creter. Filled it with water and built a houseboot instead. The

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laws for househoots.

#### CRIMINAL ACCESSORY

ls your Husband just an accessory? Last requests are

often a chance for an individual's eccentricity to survive from beyond the grave. However a judge in Barcelona has put a stop to one particularly macabre request. Maria Oridalo. 62 wished to fulfill her husband's final

desire of having his skin turned into a handbag, and even went sa far as to sue an undertaker for refusing

#### LIFE DELT?

It was never like this on Baywatch. Lorenzo Trigon a likeguard in Ravenna, last his job when three people drowned during his shift. It turned out that Trippi had naticed their plight, and had acted to save them by throwing out life preservers. Unfortunately, his aim was so accurate that each of the poor unfortunates drowned after being struck by the flying life beits.

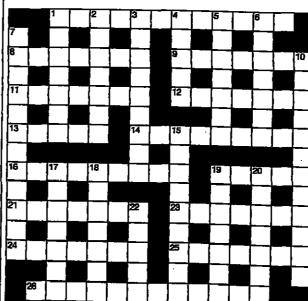
PLAYING BY THEIR WN RULES

"There's a powerful, almost sick attraction about that life. The furtiveness. flirting with danger, flirting with shame. The energy of the streets. the life on the edge it can still pull."

# Woman

**Guardian Crossword No 20,774** 

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#### Across

- 1 True correspondence from an ideal marriage (7,5)
- too (7)
- 9 Talks about the French summer-houses (7)
- 11 Train made of English metal in the French way (7)
- 12 He loved to paint or draw as explorer (7) 13 Applies a match to sacks (5)
- 14 Taken from a passage by journalist (9)
- 16 Banishes soldier
- ambassadors (9)
- 19 Coins said to be hidden
- 21 Drug-firm having a nice share-out (7)
- 23 A friend backing sport without financial motive? (7)

- 24 Fought with four in awfully stern surroundings (7)
- 25 He turns out to be Oriental
- 26 Pedagogic harem leader?

#### Down

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- 2 Encircling bands to contain island rabellions (7)
- 3 Running away to find work
- in proper sphere (9) 4 Understood by one in
- diplomacy (5) 5 Californian resort given new-style AA medal (7)
- 6 Singer too upset to have a
- smoke (7) 7 Four American suspenders

10 Armed men exchanging

words with porters (5-7) 15 Trial meant to change will (9)

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